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Jail term for a burglar who 'ransacked every room' at family home

A householder was "horrified" when she returned to her family home and found it had been burgled, writes AJ SICLUNA.

Adam Jones, 28, of Treharne Road, Barry, ransacked every single room, said prosecutor Tony Trigg.

Jones, a father of two, pleaded guilty to charges of burglary and fraud and was jailed for a total of 18 months. Mr Trigg said that on May 10, Jones raided the Morel Street, Barry, home of Mrs Georgina James.

"She was absolutely horrified to find the house was totally ransacked. Every room had

been affected," he said.

Jones had got in by forcing a kitchen window and had taken electrical items and watches of sentimental value; one worth £350.

"Later that day, he went to a shop in Holton Road and tried to sell some of the property, but a sales assistant had been tipped off about the burglary and realised the property was stolen," he added.

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Princes and princesses join royal celebrations!



ON July 31, Little Inspirations Day Nursery in Barry was filled with little princes and princesses, to celebrate the royal arrival of George Alexander Louis.

The children enjoyed dressing up and the day was filled with fun activities. Commemorative plates were made, and they celebrated with a special tea party.

"The youngsters also enjoyed designing their own crowns to take home and are preparing a hand made card to post to the royal family," a spokeswoman reported.

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INCIDENT RESOLVED

LAST week, The GEM ran a report in which the police said they wanted to speak to a local man, Mr Paul Kennedy, regarding an incident outside the Barry Constitutional Club on Dock View Road.

The police say that they have now traced Mr Kennedy, who has received a caution.

Water feature is too popular!

CONCERNS have been raised after a water play area in Barry was packed with children during the recent hot weather - leading to car parking problems.

(SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS).

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Wind turbines a threat to rare, declining species

WITH regard to the proposal for the erection of a 77m wind turbine at Hill House Farm in St Mary Hill, I would just like to point out that in 2008, the then council declared that Llangan was a conservation area – and, in particular, St Mary Hill.

The proposed location of this huge wind turbine, along with access track and infrastructure, is a nesting ground for many species – including the skylark – and would cause damage and habitat loss for a species in decline.

This whole lovely area is also fortunate enough to have many other (declining) soaring birds, such as the peregrine falcon, kite and kestrel, and according to the RSPB, there is a risk of collision (visit

RSPB.org.uk – protecting wildlife sites).

Nearby, on Ruthin common, the rare brown fritillary butterfly can also be found, only one of four sites in the UK.

As a keen wildlife enthusiast myself, I would ask all local residents to consider how lucky they are to live in such a wildlife-rich area and how they will feel if it changes.

The proposed turbine does not sound very conservation-friendly to me.

Many people are still not aware of this planning application.

As a friend of mine pointed out: "If it is so large that it will be visible to most of the Vale, why hasn't the council made me aware of it?"

"I will certainly see it from my property, even though I do not live in St Mary Hill."

I ask everyone to consider this – will you see it, and how detrimental is it to our beautiful (and rare) declining species?

Mike Rees
St Mary Hill

Trees plan: threat to our wildlife

I WAS pleased to see Coun Curtis' recent letter (to The GEM) regarding the threat to our wildlife.

This is a subject close to my heart; therefore, what a pity he did not speak out about the proposed destruction of approximately 50 healthy trees in Boverton.

These trees are home to an amazing number of species, both plants and animals.

We currently have sparrowhawks nesting in there, alongside so many others – woodpeckers, jays etc.

The area also has a river which is full of brown trout and eels, and every spring we have ducks returning to nest.

In turn, of course, we have herons flying in to feed. What a beautiful sight.

All this will be destroyed by the planning department and the environment agency, in order for four houses to be built – bearing in mind this is a flood plain.

I am not a NIMBY, I am simply trying to preserve the countryside for future generations.
Jeananne Evans,
Llantwit Major

READER'S THANKS

I WOULD like to thank the two young ladies who helped me up after I fell over in the road not far from my house.

One young lady even escorted me into the house making sure I was alright. Being 80 years of age, I was a bit confused, and forgot to ask them for their names and addresses. I would like to say a big thank-you to them; a very grateful OAP.

W James, Barry

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Assembly should not have to 'go cap in hand' 'Health money due to Wales withheld by the Chancellor'

WE have seen a great number of newspaper articles and television programmes in recent weeks, referring to the finances of the Welsh Health Service and blaming the Welsh Government.

What all these articles have failed to mention is that in 2010, amid all the excitement of the election, the Welsh Assembly health department did not remind the Westminster Government that there was money due to Wales.

When the Minister asked George Osborne for the £358 million owing to them for the year ending April 2010, he refused to give it to her.

That is the reason our Health Service in Wales has had to cut back on the health bud-

et. These payments should be automatically paid to us. A health Minister should not have to go 'cap in hand' to Westminster.

We in Wales pay income tax, national insurance, and VAT – just as people in the rest of the UK do.

We should be treated in the same way as Scotland, Northern Ireland and England, and be paid automatically when money is owed to us.

Then the Conservative AMs would not have a leg to stand on when they criticise the Labour-run Health Service, as they frequently do.

G Roberts, Cardiff

Footnote: Do YOU have a view? Write to the Editor at the address given above.

'Address problems'

THE local MP, Alun Cairns, states that the Vale receives a poor financial settlement and asks people to sign his online petition, which he will pass to the Assembly Government showing how angry Vale residents are with the situation.

He once again picks a subject that is the sole concern of the Assembly Government, elected by the Welsh people.

He should concern himself with problems caused by the Conservative-led Coalition Government in Westminster – such as the fall in our living standards, rising child poverty, the 'bedroom

'Mass immigration has been a disaster'

A GEM letter (August 1) states that no problems have been caused by immigration into Britain.

In fact, mass immigration has created many problems for our country, including adverse impacts on social cohesion, public security, the environment, housing costs, job prospects, and wage rates.

It has also led to unacceptable pressure on the benefits system, the NHS, schools and transport systems, due to the rapidly-increasing population.

We are already one of the most densely-populated countries in

Europe. Over three million immigrants have arrived since 1997.

Over the next 15 years, the population is expected to grow by a further 7 million – ie by the equivalent of another seven cities the size of Birmingham.

Where will all these people live and how will they be fed in a world of competing demands for resources?

Uncontrolled immigration has been a disaster for our country. Permanent immigration should be permitted only in exceptional circumstances, and limited to a maximum of say, 5,000 per year.
Laurence Reid,
Singtonstone

No risk of flooding?

I READ with interest – and some trepidation – the news about the culvert due to be built at Boverton.

It would have been reassuring to read, at the end of the article, that residents of Ham Manor Park in Llantwit Major can be assured that any work undertaken in Boverton to reduce the flood risk will take into account the ongoing effect on their properties, which were also flooded in December; that no

work will commence at Boverton until those residents in Llantwit Major have been consulted.

The obvious extra volume of water from Boverton clearly has to be taken into account, as the culvert at Ham Manor cannot deal with the increase, any more than it can deal with the flood.

This may have been a subject that is the sole concern of the Assembly Government, elected by the Welsh people.

He should concern himself with problems caused by the Conservative-led Coalition Government in Westminster – such as the fall in our living standards, rising child poverty, the 'bedroom

'IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE...'

I DO not expect this letter to be published, due to the political bias of the local press collectively, but here goes.

Weekly, we see the fighting and general 'dirty tricks' side of the morally-corrupt political system in the UK, and a failed Labour candidate raising silly issues regarding our local, elected MP.

Others elsewhere raise issues of Mr Cameron making promises about the EU that he obviously will not keep: New Labour's continued turncoat attitude to the working classes and trade unions of the UK – and the collective actions of all the political classes of the LibLabConDems

who turned traitor to indigenous British people regarding issues of immigration, freedom of speech, a truly British justice system for all without exception, and deportation of hate-preaching enemies within!

So, please all of you, understand that the old system needs to be swept away and something radically different put in its place.

Do not be put off from voicing your opinions because of the intimidation and bullying of any political party, MPs, AMs, or locally-elected members.

Let us collectively give them all a metaphorical 'bloody nose' at election time!
Colin Wood,
Barry,

Road works: 'THANK YOU'

MAY I, through the pages of your newspaper, thank the residents of the Vale for their patience while the council's highways division has been carrying out a major road resurfacing programme.

We have tried to keep any disruption to a minimum, but with around £4 million being invested, there is bound to be a little inconvenience.

The last three winters have seen record amounts of snow, ice and rainwater damaging our roads.

That is why we also introduced the 'BIG Fill'

campaign, which is soon to visit every ward in the Vale, to address any outstanding potholes and highway defects.

Our contractors have been working hard to reduce the numbers of potholes which have blighted our roads for far too long.

Our teams have filled over 3,000 extra potholes, used 30 tonnes of tarmac over an average weekend, filling potholes – and repaired approximately 200 potholes in each ward they visited.

Coun Rob Curtis, Barry
(Cabinet member for the environment and visible services)

HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL AUGUST 15)
The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
08 Thur	08.11	9.3	20.22	9.6
09 Fri	08.44	9.4	20.53	9.6
10 Sat	09.16	9.5	21.31	9.7
11 Sun	09.52	9.2	22.07	9.4
12 Mon	10.28	9.3	22.45	9.1
13 Tues	11.06	8.9	23.27	8.7
14 Wed	11.54	8.5		
15 Thur	00.19	8.4	12.48	8.2

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Man tried to steal Barry florist's car

USING a pair of shears, a man removed an electronic tag from an ankle, after which he carried out a burglary and tried to steal an expensive Mercedes car, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Stephen Snooks, 28, of no fixed address, was jailed for a total of three years and one month.

He admitted charges of burglary, causing damage and attempted theft.

He asked the court to take into consideration seven offences of theft and one of causing criminal damage.

Said Judge Tom Crowther QC: "Having cut off the tag, you returned to your old ways."

Prosecutor Jonathan Bushell said that on June 11, Snooks had an electronic tag fitted for an offence.

On June 17, the authorities were alerted

that it had been tampered with. At the time he was on release from a three year sentence.

"It appears he cut off the tag with a pair of shears" said Mr Bushell.

He said that on June 20, 67-year-old Hilary West, who ran a florist shop in Colcot Road, noticed the lights of her Mercedes car flashing and saw Snooks behind the wheel.

She was shocked and Snooks told her: "I'm doing you a favour," and added that he had caught someone in the car.

Mr West checked her home next door and found it had been burgled. Items, including her car keys, had been taken.

Mr Bushell said that, in her statement, Mrs West stated that her privacy had been violated and added: "I'm appalled someone could just walk into my property. I'm a hard working person".

Snooks was said to have convictions for

95 offences, including 50 for theft.

His solicitor, Adam Sharpe, said: "After being arrested, he assisted the police and admitted other, lesser offences. This was a daytime burglary of an unoccupied house on a busy road.

"It must have been an upsetting experience for Mrs West to confront the defendant."

He said that damaging the tag spoke for itself.

At the time he had been made homeless after his mother discovered he was using drugs.

"He was very much an addict and was sleeping in gardens and on friends' sofas. His lifestyle was chaotic."

Mr Sharpe said Snooks wanted to express his remorse to Mrs West. "Drugs are at the root of his offending, but he has recently detoxified himself."

Council gets a grant, to help people downsize

THE Welsh Government has given the council more than £600,000 to build 12 new homes - so that people affected by the 'bedroom tax' can downsize.

Each local authority in Wales is getting a grant, and the Vale Council has been asked to work with Registered Social Landlords to put together a proposal.

The UK Government, of course, objects to the term 'bedroom tax' and has stated that it is a cut in benefit which comes into play if a house is deemed to be under-occupied.

The grant, totalling

by PHILIP IRWIN

£633,238, was announced by the Housing Minister, Carl Sargeant.

He said: "The Welsh Government is hugely concerned that many already hard-pressed households are facing hardship, due to the changes in welfare benefit rules".

Local authorities have reported that over 35,000 households in Wales are affected by the 'bedroom tax'.

Mr Sargeant continued: "Since the rules relating to housing benefit and size of household changed on April 1, we have seen increased demand for smaller, one and two

bedroom properties.

"Despite the tough financial climate, the Welsh Government has invested £20 million in the Smaller Properties Programme and has asked all local authorities to identify schemes which could benefit from the funding."

Coun Bronwen Brooks, the Vale Council cabinet member for housing, building maintenance and community safety, said:

"I am delighted that we have levered in funding from Welsh Government which will allow us to develop smaller-sized, social rented properties in the Vale, an area that has limited numbers of available one and two bedroom properties."

"Working with our partners Newydd, we can help families and individuals that have been hit by changes to welfare benefits."

Bus service - on foot!

WITH reference to the letter by Malcolm Wilson in The GEM last week headed 'No bus on Saturday', the last 98 bus is at 14.01 from Kings Square; the 3 o'clock terminates at Tesco.

If you live further away, e.g. Pontypridd Road, Severn Avenue, Brambles, Claude Road or Romilly Schools, you are told to walk!

(Most passengers are pensioners).

Mrs M Kelly, Barry.

CCTV spotted man with kitchen knife

AN alert CCTV operator spotted a man carrying a weapon late at night in the centre of Barry, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Nathan Duffield, 23, of Fairfield Street, Barry, pleaded guilty to possessing a bladed article, a kitchen knife, in a public place.

He was jailed for 32 weeks, the sentence suspended for a year and ordered to carry out 150 hours unpaid work.

Judge Philip Richards told him: "You committed a very serious act, having possession of a fearsome weapon. Clearly, it calls for a custodial sentence, which usually has to be immediate."

Prosecutor Hywel Hughes said that on June 4 at about 23.48pm, a CCTV operator spotted Duffield, who was hooded, with another person, near Bassett Street.

Two other people turned up and one of them lunged at Duffield and they appeared to argue. One of the group brandished a hammer. Mr Hughes said that the defendant was holding a large kitchen knife and appeared agitated.

The police were alerted and went to a flat in Holton Road where Duffield had gone, and recovered the knife. He had a small amount of cannabis, for which he was later cautioned.

Mr Hughes said he admitted having the knife and explained it was for self defence. At the time he was going to buy cannabis.

His counsel Claire Pickett said: "He cannot explain how ashamed he is. He is devastated at his foolishness."

"He has let down his partner, his children and

FLIPSIDE OF SUCCESS...

Councillor's concern over parking near Splash Park

THE new Splash area at Pencoedre Park is a victim of its own success because it is leading to serious congestion on a nearby road, a local councillor has pointed out.

With the hot spell in recent weeks, the Splash Park has seen hundreds of parents taking excited youngsters along for a 'cool-off' underneath the water features.

The park does have a car park, but it has often been full, due to the popularity of the attraction, leading to people parking on St Bride's Way.

Independent councillor Richard Bertin told The GEM several residents had been in touch with him expressing their concerns about parking in the area.

Coun Bertin said: "I can understand the resi-

dents' frustration regarding this matter and I will be taking these concerns to our highway department."

People are parking on both sides of the road, narrowing access along the road, and making it difficult for buses and fire engines to get through.

Miles Punter, director of visible services and housing at the Vale Council, said: "We are aware of the problem and currently working on a signage scheme

which will encourage visitors to use the car park at Pencoedre Fields, off Pencoedre Road."

"We are also considering whether parking restrictions should be introduced at this location to meet the new seasonal demand caused by the highly successful Splash Park."

"Any residents who have experienced problems with obstruction should contact the police."

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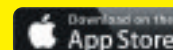
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Cwm Talwg raises £690 for hospice

THE Cwm Talwg pub recently held a ladies' pamper evening - to raise funds for the Marie Curie hospice at Penarth.

Said landlady Leanne Pemberton:

"We had a fantastic night with champagne and strawberries on arrival for the ladies and then had the entire evening to wander around looking at various stalls with the chance to treat themselves to something special, jewellery, skin care, perfume consultations, Ann Summers goodies along with a burlesque taster course."

"Then upstairs we had beauty treatments taking

place with manicures, massages, and even some waxing!"

The evening ended with a raffle, with prizes donated by local businesses and the event raised £515 for Marie Curie.

"Alongside this fundraiser, we also held an Easter raffle behind the bar to win two chocolate Easter hampers and raised another £175."

"My family and I could not be more proud and look forward to raising more money for Marie Curie at our family fun day on Bank Holiday Sunday, August 25, from 1pm - 5pm," Leanne added..

LOOKING BACK ON END-OF-TERM AT BARRY COMPREHENSIVE

School celebrated 'Enrichment Week'

THE last week of the school term saw a different approach to learning at Barry Comprehensive School, as both staff and students indulged in some 'wellbeing' experiences.

Students closed text books for the academic year, engaging in trips to theme parks, sports tournaments and science roadshows. A whole range of experiences were on offer thanks to the hard work and organisation of staff.

Several trips now run every year, and a range of our students enjoy the cultural experience that is 'Big Pit'; others enjoy the adrenaline rush of paintballing.

A visit from the local authority's G to E bus was a new experience for our students and there was lots on offer.

To celebrate Cardiff



On board the the local authority's G to E bus

Science Festival 2013, the science department took a group of years 7, 8 and 9 students to the Morgan-Botti science lectures at Cardiff Museum.

The day was sponsored by EADS, and was a series of four lectures about science from expert engineers and top

science communicators from 'science made simple'.

Scientific concepts ranged from how planes survive lightning strikes, the science of sound, the maths behind waves, to the ways that engineering can keep us alive – even after death.

The boys were excellent and really enjoyed the show. Their particular highlight was Dr Mark Lewney, teaching maths through waves and using some pretty impressive guitar skills!

Science teachers and DT teachers also got together to create strange mini 'bag-pipes' – this involved some

very focused, and very quiet, soldering work. Perhaps the parents and carers experiencing the finished 'bag-pipes' would not have found it so quiet!

Staff were also treated to a 'wellbeing' experience, as the school library became a sanctuary for a wide range of therapies, sports massages and beauty treatments.

Teachers and support staff visibly relaxed under the trained hands of a wide range of professionals.

Mr John Lloyd was the organiser here, and the request is, 'More, please!' AC



Going underground at Big Pit.



Ms Park experiencing some thermal-auricular therapy.



Mr McNamara takes a quick break for a physiotherapy consultation

Bryneithin drop-in consultation

A COMMUNITY drop-in session is being held on August 20, as part of the Vale Council's consultation on the future of the former Bryneithin site, from 2pm – 6pm at Lee Hall, Dinas Powys.

'The Winos' tread the boards for Rhoose WI members...

THE Rhoose WI held their summer social on August 1, at the Community Hall, when members joined in sequence dances.

Afterwards, 'Rhoose Winos' – the WI's drama group – entertained everyone with 'Scenes from Village Life', a sketch entitled 'Gossip', followed by a short comic play demonstrating the difficulties faced by an amateur dramatic group deciding which show to put on.

These offerings were well received by the audience, with a warm vote of thanks given by Barbara Goodway.

Earlier, the president had welcomed members and three visitors before proceeding with the business part of the evening.

This included the awarding of the bursary given biennially, which provides funds for a member to pursue a course of study.

Congratulations to Geraldine Aslett, who won the draw.

Susan Grant then

informed members that supplies for a local Food Bank can be brought to each meeting and that she will then make sure that these reach the appropriate organisation.

The president also thanked Avril Phillips for holding her annual coffee morning at her home; this was well attended and very successful, raising funds for the British Heart Foundation and the WI.

Also during July, on a beautiful sunny day, the members had thoroughly enjoyed an edu-

cational trip to Cardiff Bay and Tredegar House.

The evening closed with Grace Watkins reading a poem, which celebrated the widespread success of the WI in uniting women all over the country in friendship and support.

The competition was won by Grace Watkins and the raffle by Linda Thomas.

The next meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday, September 5, in the Community Hall, when Romeo Bassini will give a talk on 'The Italian Connection'. New members and visitors welcome.

Forthcoming events:
August 20, evening meal at The Old Post, Bonvilston at 6.30pm;
August 23, skittles at Rhoose Social Club at 2pm; every Tuesday morning at 11am, coffee and chat at coffee time

LEARNING FESTIVAL SHOWCASES TALENT

THE annual Palmerston Learning Festival Art and Craft exhibition showcased the achievements of adult learners attending community learning classes at Barry centres.

Vale Mayor Coun Margaret Wilkinson officially opened the exhibition, before browsing through the rooms filled with displays of work, commented on the high standard of work, and praised learners for their hard work and dedication.

The exhibition was held over a whole week to allow more visitors the opportunity to enjoy the many exhibits on show including artwork, photography, textiles, pottery and ceramics, glasswork and sugarcraft, produced by adult learners attending a range of courses at community

learning centres in the Barry area.

"We are really proud of our learners and would like to thank all the staff, tutors and volunteers who have worked really hard to stage the exhibition," said centre manager Debbie Lewis. "Our learners have taken part in demonstrations and supporting the many activities taking place during the week."

During the week, taster workshops took place and visitors had the chance to try jewellery making, patchwork, stitch crafts, pottery and stained glass – and learn how to use a sewing machine.

ECDL tutor Cath Roberts was on hand to talk to learners about ICT courses; while Welsh coordinator, Mared Fumham, baked Welsh cakes, and gave advice on opportunities to learn Welsh.

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BUSY CHOIR GLAD TO TAKE FIVE!



The choir is pictured at its annual concert with Tim Reynolds and Jodi Bird.

A WELL-deserved break following a very busy half year awaits the Barry Male Voice Choir, which remains committed to serving the community and in keeping with tradition has supported a number of local charities.

Its most recent performance was at the Barry Town Council's civic service held at the Memorial Hall and the high-

light of the year was the annual concert held for the first time in the summer at St Helen's Roman Catholic Church.

A large appreciative audience enjoyed a varied programme of subtle harmonies, rousing choruses and stirring Welsh hymns.

The disciplined, passionate performance was a tribute to the inspiring work of Musical Director, Dorothy Connell

and accompanist, Emma Arscott.

The concert also featured talented local soloists Tim Reynolds and Jodi Bird.

Rehearsals following the summer break will restart at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street Barry on September 2 at 7.30pm, when recruits are welcome to join a sociable group of male choristers.

A local company gives fundraising event a headstart

RIGHT:
Chris Dawkins of TEI Ltd presents a cheque to Karin Armstrong.



A FUNDRAISING event inspired by the tragic death of a Barry girl – aged just 20 – has been given a boost by a local company.

Chris Dawkins, a contracts manager for TEI Ltd, recently presented a cheque for £250 to Karin Armstrong in aid of the Teenage Cancer trust.

Karin's daughter, Stacey, who was once a pupil at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, died of a brain tumour at the age of just 20 two years ago.

Since then, friends have put on a series of fundraising events in memory of Stacey to raise cash for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

The next event is the 'Romilly Park Party' on Sunday, August 11.

Entry will be free, and there will be live bands from 12 noon, with a childrens fun fair, a 'battle of the supermarkets', stalls and booths.

Chris Dawkins said: "We wish all the best for the day, from the lads at TEI."

WATER FOUNTAIN!



BARRY reader Karen Keane took this picture on Friday evening during a heavy downpour and thunder storms.

She writes: "I was driving up Holton Road (via Weston Hill way), when a couple of cars slowed down. As I got closer, I saw what only can be described as a 'water fountain'!"

"The pressure of the water running underground down the hill had obviously caused it to come through the tarmac! There was no drain – just little holes where water had pushed through. This road was only recently repaired by the council."

'REFUSED REASONABLE INSTRUCTION' – COUNCIL

Worker claims he was eased out of Barry job

A Barry man claims he has lost his job collecting rubbish in the town because he refused to push a large heavy duty wheelbarrow through the busy streets, writes **TIM CHAPMAN**.

Steven Jenkins (47) said that for weeks, he had been using normal refuse bags as instructed, but at the end of his trial 13-week period, a supervisor had said he had to use the barrow, otherwise he shouldn't turn up for work.

Mr Jenkins told The GEM the heavy duty wheelbarrows were cumbersome and he was concerned as to how safe it would be manoeuvring round members of the public, and thought the instruction was a tactic to ease him out of his job.

Earlier this year, Mr Jenkins came to the end of a contract working in demolition.

He explained: "So I was pleased to be recruited by Acorn Recruitment on April 4, to help with the council's rubbish collection.

"Over the weeks, I picked up all sorts of litter – including glass, beds and settees dumped in lanes – and retrieved bags from bins."

Mr Jenkins said he had to be particularly careful because some bags in bins contained needles and in removing them by hand he didn't want to be pricked by one.

He was issued with latex gloves, but wasn't confident they would have provided sufficient protection against a direct needle-point.

If he found a needle on the ground, he was able to use a litter picking device and was told to place them in coke tins. The tins were then put in the bags.

He estimated that during his period of employment, he had retrieved, or picked up, as many as 1,000 needles in Barry.

"On Monday (July 29) I went in to Barry town centre and dealt with 20 bags, picking up rubbish, and taking them out of bins.

"When I got back to the depot on Barry road, the supervisor told me that the next day I had to go out with the heavy duty wheelbarrow, which would have a 'sharps box' in it for needles.

"He said he'd had an instruction from the Alps' depot. He said that if I wasn't prepared to use it, I should not turn up the next day, so I didn't."

"I was concerned that on a busy day, I might accidentally hurt someone and get a claim against me."

Mr Jenkins claims the barrows were only to be used in the afternoons, and he wondered why previously – and elsewhere in Barry – simply picking up and using a bag was still the accepted method.

"I was happy doing the work. I think they wanted to finish me at the end of my 13 weeks."

Mr Jenkins said the 13 weeks was like a trial period and he is now back on benefits without a job and "back to square one". He claimed he had been treated unfairly.

• **Clifford Parish, operational manager for waste awareness and cleansing at the Vale Council, responded:** "Mr Jenkins was deployed by Acorn Recruitment to meet the temporary service demands of the council's waste management and cleansing service.

"He would never have been subject to a trial period of employment. As agency staff, his workload was determined on a daily basis.

"Mr Jenkins fulfilled the role of general labour within the cleansing team. However, he refused to carry out the duties of cleansing our high intensity footfall zone areas, which require the use of a specialist 'road sweeper barrow' specifically designed for areas such as Barry town centre, and used daily by our other staff carrying out the same duties.

"These barrows contain appropriate sharp boxes for the safe disposal of needles.

"As Mr Jenkins refused a reasonable instruction from his manager, I do not feel that he was unfairly treated in being returned to the agency to find him alternative employment outside the council."

CHARITY RAFFLE

SULLY BRIDGE

Club is aiming to raise funds for Ty Hafan with a raffle on August 19.

Members were told to "use a spade and dig deep for the children". All prizes are meal vouchers, at restaurants in the Penarth/Barry area.

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Burglar jailed

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A footprint at the scene was identified as that of Jones and he was later arrested. Some of the stolen property was recovered.

In a statement, Mrs James said: "My house was turned upside down."

She said she was frightened of being in the house and was paranoid when she saw people in the street. Jones, the court heard, had convictions for 55 offences, including violence and burglary.

Solicitor Adam Sharpe said: "At the time, he was injecting methadone in large quantities and his recollection of what happened is not good. His mind was not all there."

He said that eight of

the 17 items taken were recovered and the house was not specifically targeted.

"It was all very unsophisticated and it was inevitable he was going to be detected. There was a period when for five-and-a-half years, he didn't offend. He is the first to acknowledge that his position is precarious."

The court heard that he was also in breach of a community order for aggravated vehicle taking.

Judge Philip Richards told him "This was a serious burglary and there was a significant degree of loss, both sentimental and economic."

He said there was now a feeling of unease for the family which had suffered trauma.

Bridgend Adoption Centre Open Day

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CLAIRE HELPING TO HIGHLIGHT SWIMMING DANGERS TO YOUNG

A BUSY local HR manager has dedicated her spare time to teaching life-saving skills to young children – as part of an initiative to improve safety in swimming.

Throughout the year, Claire Thomas, along with other coaches, helps seven-to-13-year-olds at Llantwit Major SLSC (Surf Life-Saving Club) to improve their water survival skills, teaching them lifeguard techniques designed to reduce water accident rates.

According to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, young children are more likely to drown in rivers and beaches than in baths at home.

Drowning is mainly caused by lack of awareness of water dangers, as well as the lack of swimming skills.

Keen to improve children's knowledge of swimming dangers, Claire is one of the longest serving voluntary coaches at Llantwit Major SLSC, a club affiliated to the Surf

Life Saving Association Wales (SLSAW).

Along with other club members, they patrol the beach at weekends between May and mid-September.

Having been involved with the club since she was a teenager, Claire (42) provides knowledge for life-saving skills at annual Nipper camp courses run by the SLSAW, one of which took place recently at Atlantic College, St Donat's Castle.

Participants, including 260 children from associated SLSAW clubs, were able to practice life-saving skills, from beach and water safety, first aid, basic life support skills, in addition to taking part in outdoor games, fitness and swimming.

With support from other SLSAW volunteer coaches, they are taught to ensure they reach the necessary standard and all young people completing the course were awarded a certificate marking their achievement.

Sponsored by Waterstone Homes, the event celebrated the club's 50-year anniversary, with 50 children

from Llantwit Major SLSC attending the camp. This month, they will be sending a team of Nippers, juniors, seniors and masters to compete in the SLSGB National Surf Championships in Saunton Sands, Devon.

Mother of two, Claire, along with her husband Phillip, also a coach, are keen to get their own children involved.

They have enrolled their eight-year-old son, Iwan, who is in his second year of Nippers – while their 13-year-old daughter, Cerys, is in her final year before moving onto the junior section.

Claire, a HR manager at Waterstone Homes, stressed that it is important for children to learn about swimming safely and being prepared to help others.

She said: "I am proud to be a part of Llantwit Major SLSC, as I feel it is very important for children to learn about beach safety and swimming safely from a young age."

"I have been doing this since I was very young and I happily

spend my spare time supporting activities that promote safety in the community.

"The club are very grateful to Waterstone Homes for sponsoring our most recent event, which has encouraged lots of young people to learn important water survival skills and general beach safety."

"Beaches such as Llantwit Major and Barry Island have very strong currents and children have to be strong swimmers to be safe."

"Courses such as these, and basic awareness, can go a long way towards saving lives, and I urge more people to get involved in a life-saving club near them, whatever their age."

'Charges will drive trade away'

I NOTE that the Vale Council is now looking at hitting residents in Barry with car parking charges.

A recently carried out survey considers where these charges may apply – as if the residents of Barry and the Vale don't have enough to pay out now in extortionate council tax.

Amenities in Barry are non-existent, we have no cinema, no outdoor pool. If the council persists in charging drivers to park, it will drive even

more trade away from Barry.

Perhaps if they want to bring in parking charges, councillors could start by paying to park at the Civic Offices, and ensure that they cannot reclaim these in their expenses.

It seems to me that the politicians of this country, whether it be national or local, are all carrying out a death wish, as we (the people) are being screwed left right and centre, while they carry on claiming everything they can from us, the taxpayer.

DJ Radford, Barry

Stunning Lavernock views after a baking hot Vale day

AFTER a scorching hot day, nine walkers and Fergus the cute Border terrier joined Joy, Bracken and Bronte (standing in for Ann who had sustained a knee injury while on holiday recently) – we wish her a speedy recovery.

On a sunny, humid evening the group set off along the cliff top, taking advantage of the southerly breeze and enjoying the somewhat hazy views of Flat and Steep Holm out in the Bristol Channel as they made their way to Lavernock Point.

Pausing to view the plaque on the wall of the pretty church dedicated to St Lawrence, which recalls the fact that on May 13, 1897, Marconi, assisted by George Kemp, transmitted the first wireless signal



The walkers take a break.

across open water between Lavernock Point and Flat Holm in Morse code. The group then continued up Fort Road.

Following the Wales Coast Path through Lavernock Nature Reserve, they admired the new stunning wooden seat engraved in memory of Colin Vyvyan, who must have been truly loved, before continuing on through the remains of the Second World War gun battery which had

gun emplacements, crew and office quarters and a direction finder, and the observation post which overlooks St Mary's Well Bay.

Crossing a wooden footbridge, the group followed the boundary edges of several fields of ripening barley before exiting through a metal kissing gate onto St Mary's Well Bay Road and following it back to Lavernock Road where they entered Cosmeston Country Park.

From Mile Road they joined the board walk, which passes through tall thick reed beds and further on Canada geese, swans and ducks were making their final preparations on the lake before bedtime.

Re-crossing Lavernock Road and making their way up through a residential area, they joined the old Taff Vale railway line that ran from Penarth

station through to Cosmeston, Lavernock and Sully, before crossing the pitch and putt golf course to make their way back to the car park.

On August 10, meet at 8.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 12-mile hard walk at Glasbury (near Hay-on-Wye) contact Barrie on 029 2053 0753.

On August 13, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 7.5-mile moderate walk at Cefn Llechid; contact Liz on 029 2051 3698.

On August 15, meet at 9.30am at Cogan for an 8.5-mile easy walk in the Gwent Levels; contact Viv/Val on 029 2053 1045.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, please contact the walk leader for advice.

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Cywain is an organisation that aims to support the development of new products or markets through facilitation, expert advice and mentoring. Creative Rural Communities are working hand in hand with Cywain to support our Local Food Champions.

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Farewell to primary class – and on to junior school!



ABOVE:
The 'graduates'
in their cap and
gowns at the All
Saints primary
school, in Barry.



THE year-2 pupils at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School, Barry, held their graduation assembly at the end of term.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, the children shared their memories of their time at school so far – and showed a film about what they want to be when they grow up.

They used songs and poetry to illustrate their thoughts and feelings, and their performance was

so moving, that there was hardly a dry eye in the house! Headteacher Richard Ware congratulated the children on their successes during their Infant years and he presented each of them with a graduation scroll.

Their teacher, Miss Mackintosh, said: "They did an amazing job and I was so proud of them. They are looking forward to becoming juniors next term."



CHIPPING IN WITH SUPPORT FOR THE BARRY SEA CADETS

BARRY Sea Cadets have the support of Joe's Chippy on The Parade in Dinas Powys, which contributes money collected from carrier bag charges to the youth charity, and recently handed over a cheque for £232.

Lt (SCC) Paul C Phillips Commanding Officer of the Barry Sea Cadets said: "Local support is very much appreciated by the volunteer instructors who work hard to provide a

range of activities for our Cadets. Without such support, we would not be able to provide activities, such as canoeing and sailing, and trips away."

Mr Sazili said: "We know that the local children really enjoy the activities provided by the Sea Cadets in Barry and are glad to be able to support their work in a small way."

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STYLISH celebrations recently signalled the end of a demanding exam season for St Richard Gwyn's year-11 pupils, and heralded the start of a much-deserved long, lazy summer.

The 85 students stepped out in sensational prom style at Cardiff's Park Hotel, to mark the end of their SRG careers and GCSE exams. This annual school calendar event was a fun night of glamour and partying for staff and students alike.

Each guest received a prom photo, followed by the buffet, which then led to an overflowing dance floor and staff were not allowed to escape this annual bop!

Headteacher, Mr Mike Clinch, who attended the event, said: "It really was a great way to end the school career of this excellent group of pupils."

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...And the winner of the 'Vale Biodiversity Champion' title is... Coun Anthony Ernest!

CONFUSION over who can rightfully claim to be the Vale Council's first 'Bio-diversity Champion' has now been cleared up – with the accolade going to Penarth's veteran councillor, Anthony Ernest.

Coun Ernest had complained that the current cabinet member for the environment and visible services, Coun Rob Curtis, had tried to scoop his title.

Coun Ernest was a member of the Conservative-led cabinet in the Vale until last year and said that he was appointed the Vale's bio-diversity champion at least four years ago, when the Welsh Government asked local authorities to appoint a person to oversee the enforcement of biodiversity legislation.

He explained: "Each year, we

by **TIM CHAPMAN**

met the biodiversity regulators and drew up a programme of actions which ensured that the Vale met its obligations, and I am pleased to say that at each annual inspection, a good bill of health was given to officers and members alike.

"The local biodiversity action group, comprising delegates from many different countryside organisations, met regularly at the Heritage Coast Centre, and our officers gave considerable time to the preparation of reports, and updating the databases, that formed part of the action plan for the county council.

"Coun Curtis clearly has not read any of the excellent reports that have been produced previously, when making his claim of being 'a first', so I must commend

him to do some homework, before he makes any further errors in his new role."

The GEM put Coun Ernest's remarks to Coun Curtis who said he accepted that Coun Ernest was right.

Coun Curtis went on to say: "When I was appointed, I checked the historical records for any activity or reports emanating from a bio-diversity champion, but could not find any – so I assumed I had been the first bio-diversity champion!"

"Residents of the Vale are more interested about what you achieve, rather than just collecting titles."

"I can assure residents of the Vale that I will do my utmost to ensure that bio-diversity is considered in everything that the council does – so that we can reverse the worrying decline of Welsh species."

'Heavier fines for dog fouling'

IREFER to a letter in last week's GEM concerning dog fouling, which is a major issue.

It is one of the most offensive types of litter on our streets and is consistently raised as a public concern. Many people find dog fouling offensive, and rightly so.

I myself am a dog owner and I feel strongly that fouling should not be tolerated on our streets – but still we are seeing some owners failing to clean up after their dogs.

I believe if you can't clean up after your pet, then you should not be allowed to own a dog. There is no reasonable excuse for failing to clean up.

Owners also have a responsibility to the public, as dog fouling is not only unpleasant, it is dangerous. The biggest threat to public health from dog excrement is toxocarosis.

This is an infection of the roundworm toxocara canis. The eggs of the parasite can be found in soil or sand contaminated with faeces and, if swallowed, result in infection that lasts between six and 24 months.

Symptoms include eye disorders, headache,

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dizziness, nausea, asthma and, in extremely rare cases, seizures or fits.

Often the eggs are ingested when passed to the mouth by the hands; but this can also occur through contact with dogs or other inanimate objects, including the wheels of toys and the soles of shoes.

Infected soil samples are often found in play areas and as a result, toxocarosis most commonly affects children between 18 months and five years.

If owners are not going to take responsibility for their animals, then the council has to come down hard on them.

The council should not be taking this matter lightly; they should be issuing a fixed penalty notice, or a fine of up to £1,000.

Also coming back to the person who wrote in last week's GEM, I am horrified to read this resident has complained on numerous occasions, and yet is still being subjected to dog fouling over a six-month period.

My heart goes out to this person; you must be at your wit's end. **Pauline Inch (nee Moore), Vale resident.**

Vale holiday outreach clubs prove popular

DURING the first two weeks of the summer holidays, the Methodist Church in the Vale has been active in outreach with primary age children.

A nautical and shipping theme, 'Jesus as our Captain', set the tone for each day and the Adventure Cruise Holiday Club has run across three churches.

Up to 20 children attended daily at Saint John, Barry Island; 37 at the Gathering Place Church and Community Centre in St Athan and up to 16 children at Crossway Methodist

Church. Bible themes and values of the 'Cs' (Choice, Courage and Call) were explored, plus craft activities, games, and children's worship songs.

Two churches, St John and Crossway, held special all-age services on the Sundays following holiday clubs.

Local ministers Deacon Sam Taylor and Rev Peter Taylor thanked starship leaders and helpers, and those in local churches for their time and helping to make holiday club a great experience.

For more information, visit www.valeofglamorgancircuit.org.uk.

Green energy 'surge' predicted

BARRIE ROBERTS has been appointed renewable energy manager at Topstak, Vale-based specialists in renewable energy solutions, wood burning stoves and kitchens.

The appointment comes ahead of the domestic renewable heat incentive (RHI), destined for implementation in spring 2014.

"The Government is introducing the scheme to provide longer term financial support to households for the installation of renewable heating technologies, and is likely to lead to a surge in interest in the so-called green technologies in the way that the solar PV feed-in tariff created interest a few years ago," Topstak director, Adam Pedersen, explained.

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Its communications team has been nominated for the Public Sector Campaign Award for a PR campaign to publicise the council's potholes scheme, The BIG Fill.

CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Man gets jail sentence for breaking friend's leg

AFTER taking a cocktail of drugs, a Sarn man carried out an unprovoked attack on a close friend.

Cardiff Crown Court heard that Ian Parker fell awkwardly to the ground in a car park at Sarn and suffered a broken leg in the process.

Liam Galbraith, 27, of Gas Works Terrace, Sarn, was jailed for 14 months, after pleading guilty to inflicting grievous bodily harm, and the court heard that Mr Parker had to take six weeks off work and miss a family holiday.

Prosecutor Tony Trigg said he felt depressed and was disgusted by what Galbraith did.

Mr Trigg said that the injured man had been to a barbecue with friends and was walking home at

about 10pm on April 30.

He received a telephone call from his sister, saying three people, including Galbraith, had called on her and asked for a spoon.

"It seemed bizarre and could have been connected with drugs," said Mr Trigg.

Soon after, Galbraith spotted Mr Parker and attacked him.

"He rushed at him with a clenched right fist" said Mr Trigg.

As he fell to the ground, he twisted and injured his leg. The defendant was seen kicking him while he was on the ground.

Mr Parker limped home, not realising how seriously injured he was. The following day an x-ray revealed he had a broken left leg and damaged ligaments.

Later, Galbraith admitted drinking alcohol and taking heroin, valium and cannabis, and could not remember what he had done.

He was said to have convictions for theft, burglary, and handling stolen goods.

His barrister, Mike Hammett, said: "He is full of genuine remorse. The offence was out of character."

"Until he ceases his drug addiction, he will continue to offend."

He said that, when on remand, he had taken an overdose of drugs and had been in hospital for two days. "He is determined to change his ways," Mr Hammett added.

Judge Tom Crowther QC told Galbraith "You assaulted a man you had known for years and badly injured him."

Mr Parker, he said, had offered no challenge whatsoever.

A Barry man fired airgun to scare girlfriend

A BARRY man who fired an air rifle in the street after a row with his girlfriend, has been jailed for 21 months at Cardiff Crown Court.

Lee Vaughan (44) of Littlemore Hill, pleaded guilty to possessing a firearm with intent to cause fear and alarm, and possessing cannabis.

Prosecutor Gareth James said the firearms offence came to light as a result of a CCTV operator spotting him in the Littlemore Hill area.

The operator spotted Vaughan coming into the picture and discharging an air rifle.

At the time, Vaughan was in a relationship with Jessica Martell, but it had broken down as far as he was concerned.

He went to his address, and told her to leave. As she walked away, she heard a whistling sound and when she turned, she saw Vaughan lowering a gun.

He had fired one pellet, not directly at her.

He later said he had fired the gun to scare Miss Martell and make her leave.

She later said: "I decided to go, because he was not happy with me being there."

The police were later alerted and Vaughan volunteered to hand over the weapon. He also had on him cannabis worth £20.

He said he had told the police: "I came to the conclusion she was not getting the message," and took the gun to frighten her.

He was said to have convictions for 10 offences, including wounding with intent, for which he received seven years in a young offender institution.

His barrister, Kevin Seal, said: "Using that gun was stupid more than anything."

There had been problems with the relationship which is now back on track.

"I have to concede that what he did passes the custody threshold. For many years, he has had problems with drink."

"He is the primary carer for his father."

Judge Tom Crowther QC said using the gun in a public place was particularly serious.

There was a single shot, not directly at Miss Martell, and there was no traffic or bystanders in the area at the time.

The Judge ordered the weapon to be destroyed. Vaughan was also ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £100.

Tenant with a grievance stole landlord's boiler

BECAUSE he was experiencing difficulties obtaining a refund of a bond from his landlord, a man stole a copper water tank from the flat, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Lyndon Rowlands, 43, of Porthkerry Caravan Park, Rhose, was sentenced to a community order involving carrying out 40 hours unpaid work.

Rowlands was also ordered to pay costs of £85 and a victim surcharge of £60.

He admitted a charge of theft.

Prosecutor David Webster said Rowlands had been the tenant of a flat in Tynewydd Road, Barry, in April.

In June, he moved out, but returned to collect his mail. He complained to a neighbour about having difficulties in obtaining a refund of his bond.

He disclosed to the neighbour that he had stolen a copper cylinder from the flat and obtained "a couple of hundred quid for it".

Mr Webster said he later changed his story and said he received only £20.

Rowlands was said to have convictions for obstructing the police, and being concerned in the production of cannabis.

He was told by Judge Tom Crowther QC: "The theft was a serious offence in that you were trusted to treat the property properly."

Council is offering a giant contract for its 'cashless' school meals plan

by PHILIP IRWIN

THE payment of school meals could soon be standardised throughout the Vale - with one company operating what would be a very large contract.

The Vale Council is to invite tenders for a five-year contract to run a 'cashless' system in every primary and secondary school in the Vale.

The cabinet members who took the decision were told that the council's catering service has four different cashless systems in the six secondary schools at the moment.

Cashless catering has not yet been introduced in the 49 primary schools, and also in one secondary

school. The cabinet was told that a new contract with one solution, which includes a Management Information System (MIS), is required to support the growing number of payment options for parents/guardians and the growing need for data about the catering service.

This data is required by a number of bodies, including the Welsh Government (WG), Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE) and Local Authority Caterers Association (LACA).

The cabinet was told that it would introduce "secure and efficient payment options for par-

ents/guardians".

Another benefit was that it would reduce the bullying that can occur when children carry their own dinner money to school.

It was felt that it could increase the take-up of school meals by pupils, and would solve problems caused by bounced cheques.

The tender document will specify that payment of school meals in the 49 primary schools and six secondary schools will be via online, telephone and paypoint payments, for families with or without access to a PC or Smart technology.

The roll-out timetable will take effect from September 2013 to March 2015. Each school will have a half term's notice.

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This year, Nathan Loxton has been on a seven-day sailing trip with Challenge Wales; Sean Hodges and Georgia James completed the army Cambrian

patrol competition; and Jon Spragg travelled to Poland.

Cadets have also travelled to Snowdonia, Brecon Beacons, Black Mountains and Dartmoor, for adventure training.

The Cadets not only work hard for themselves but also in supporting their community; through fundraising and hands-on assistance to many local organisations.

Cadet Steph Jones

said: "Air cadets are great fun and we get to do loads of exciting activities all the time. Most weekends there are cool activities to sign up to".

Email oc.372@aircadets.org, or visit www.372squadron.org or phone the Squadron on 01446 747734, for more information about joining or the Air Training Corps.

JASON HORTON
372Barry Squadron

Child protection bodies are merging

THE proposal to merge the Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB) in the Vale Council and Cardiff Council has been approved by the council's cabinet.

Each LSCB is made up of a number of partners namely, the councils, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, South Wales Police, Probation,

Public Health Wales and third sector voluntary organisation representation. Coun Chris Elmore, cabinet member for children's services in the Vale, said:

"The creation of the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Local Safeguarding Children Board is fully supported by the Vale Council and its partners."

"It is a real opportunity to ensure consistent practice across agencies and the delivery of high quality services to children, young people and their families across Cardiff and the Vale."

"Apart from the two councils, the other agencies currently have to attend two separate boards and the merger will not only reduce the number of meetings but will ensure consistency across the region."

PACT meetings

ILLTYD PACT, at Mount Sorrel Hotel, Porthkerry Road, Barry, today (Thursday, August 8) at 7pm.

LLANDOUGH PACT, at the Royal British Legion, Penlan Road, Llandough, on Monday, August 12 at 7pm.

LLANDOW/EWENNY PACT at Ewenny Village Hall, on Wednesday, August 21 at 7pm.

BUTTRILLS PACT, at Philip John Community Room, Barry Library, on Thursday, August 22 at 6pm.

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Activists promising 'Balcombe-style' action to keep the Vale free of fracking

CAMPAIGNERS in the Vale are saying that Balcombe-type protests could happen – if fracking comes to the area.

On Wednesday, July 31, anti-fracking groups from across south Wales met in Bridgend, to co-ordinate their efforts and build the 'Frack Free Wales' coalition.

A spokeswoman told The GEM: "The meeting was well-attended and the local 'Vale Says No (VSN)' campaign

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

was represented by Louise Evans, founder of VSN, Michaela Richter and Rob McGhee of Transition Cowbridge, Denis Campbell, journalist and presenter of the World View Show and Andy Chyba of the Bridgend Green Party, who is a spokesman of VSN."

She said that Frances Twms Jenkins, from the group 'Frack Free Wales', had talked about her arrest at the protest against the energy com-

pany, Cuadrilla, at an exploratory drill site in Balcombe, West Sussex.

The spokeswoman continued: "Local groups are concerned about the lack of regulations in place for the industry. Environmental concerns are too great to be ignored."

"Statistics show that all gas wells will leak at some point, and some 6 per cent will leak from the moment they're in the ground."

"Also, what people

don't know is that these processes involve a massive network of drilling sites and gas pipes, not just one individual bore hole.

"The Vale Says No is disappointed by local landowners selling their land or striking deals with the energy company Coastal Oil and Gas."

"The meeting in Bridgend included documentaries and presentations about successful anti-fracking campaigns in NSW, Australia and Somerset, and an action plan for the SW coalition of Frack Free Wales."

She added: "Anyone who wants to be informed of what is happening locally, or to get involved, should e-mail louise@thevalesaysno.com

"Llantrithyd 'Villagers Against Drilling', another local anti-fracking group has started an e-petition against some of the landlords."

Man rescued from Nash Point

TWO RNLI lifeboats from Porthcawl were launched on Saturday (July 27) to help a man who was cut off by the tide close to Nash Lighthouse.

He was unsure of his exact location, not being familiar with the area, and the volunteer RNLI crew searched the sea, while Coastguards searched the cliff top, a spokesman reported.

The conditions were rough, with breaking surf – so RAF helicopter 169 was also asked to attend in case it was too dangerous for the lifeboat to bring the casualty to safety.

"The man was quickly located and Porthcawl's inshore RNLI lifeboat veered skilfully back close to the rocks, enabling the man to be recovered."

"The inshore lifeboat transferred the casualty to the larger and faster Atlantic 85 lifeboat, to return him to the safety of Porthcawl boat-house," the spokesman added.

COUNCIL HITS BACK AS... Tory leader attacks 'lavish' redundancy payment packages

by **PHILIP IRWIN**

THE Leader of the Conservatives in the Welsh Assembly, has attacked the Vale Council over the level of voluntary redundancy payments – claiming that they have jumped by more than 50 per cent in one year.

The information was obtained following a request by Mr Andrew RT Davies, under the Freedom of Information Act.

However, he received an instant response from the Vale Council, disagreeing strongly.

It was revealed that the council paid out £285,470 last year (2012/13), up from just £185,605 in the previous Conservative administration's last year in power.

Describing them as "lavish and unnecessary", the AM said it could not be explained by the number of people taking voluntary redundancy, as the numbers in 2012/13 were 21, compared to 20 the previous year.

He said: "You have to question the Labour council's priorities when they can find almost £300,000 to fund golden handshakes when, at the same time, we are seeing vital public services like bus routes being withdrawn on a weekly basis."

He claimed that average individual pay-outs have gone up from £9,280 under the previous Conservative administration.

They will be included in a specially-designed Penarth Women's Trail, with a map identifying significant places and telling of their lives.

Bev Noon, operational manager at the Vale Council, said: "Last year we recognised women in Barry through the Barry Women's Trail."

"As well as recognising the individual women, the trail will provide a very interesting urban walk. We hope that both visitors and residents will take advantage of the health-promoting advantages of walking, as well as using local shops and cafes."

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cost of £11,631.05.

"If Mr Davies does not support his Conservative colleagues in the decisions they made, then I suggest he takes that up with them directly."

"Redundancy payments are based on the early retirement and redundancy scheme which was agreed by the Conservative cabinet in June 2008. The scheme provides for payments well below the maximum allowed by regulations, with a maximum of 49.5 weeks pay or £30k."

"The council has had to make considerable savings to balance its budget and these redundancies will deliver significant savings year on year, with the senior management restructuring approximately saving £500,000 per annum."

"As we go forward we will continue as a council to strive to live within today's tough financial climate – due to cuts implemented by the Westminster Government."

"The council uses measures to avoid redundancies by redeploying staff wherever possible."

LETTERS EXTRA

Porthkerry stream clearance: 'thank you for your help'

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council's environmental health and pollution control department would like to thank all those who gave up their time to volunteer in helping with the stream clearance at Porthkerry Park on July 6.

Firstly, thank you to the rangers at Porthkerry who helped in organising the event, providing all of the equipment and taking part on the day.

The rangers gave up their time from Cosmeston Lakes and cleared a large and tricky area of one of the streams; pollution technicians from Dwr Cymru Welsh Water; officers from Natural Resources Wales.

The youth offending service cleared a large area; Sea Cadets offered invaluable help and every other volunteer who turned up to help in clearing the streams.

And let's not forget Coun Rob Curtis, who gave up a couple of hours in the morning before heading off to the Scout fete. He is also the chair of Friends of Barry beaches.

I hope that everybody enjoyed the day and look forward to taking part again. Thank you all

Rebecca Athay (Environmental Health Officer).

FUN DAY AT SULLY

I SYMPATHISE with KATHRYN Sweeney (GEM letters) concerning the lack of play facilities for children in Sully.

She and other mums may be interested to know that Sully Christian Fellowship is organising a fun day and barbecue on Saturday, August 17 from 4pm at 27 South Road.

There will be a bouncy castle and a talent competition (Sully's Got Talent) for children under 14 years, who must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is free. Burgers cost £1.50 and hot dogs, £1.

Entry forms for talent competition available from either Mr and Mrs Roberts, 123 Arlington Road, or by email, sully-christianfellowship@gmmail.com, to be returned by 6pm, on August 16.

Mrs Hilary Williams, Sully.

Paying tribute to women of Penarth!

IN celebration of International Women's Day 2014, women from Penarth who have made a significant contribution to public life are being recognised.

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Viewpoint panel for residents

RESIDENTS are being invited to share their views on local issues by joining the Vale Viewpoint panel.

It has nearly 1,000 members, and receives surveys on behalf of the Local Service Board, which also includes the police, fire service, health board and voluntary groups.

"The panel provides Vale residents with an easy but meaningful way to influence the decisions that affect them," a Vale Council spokesperson said.

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LOCAL ROTARIANS' 'PORK IN THE PARK' BARBECUE RAISES £800 FOR CHARITIES



ABOVE: Phil Hunt and family.

THE Rotary Club of Barry's first fundraising event of the new Rotary year has been hailed as a 'great success!'

A 'Pork in the Park' barbecue at the Welsh Hawking Centre, Barry, organized by past president Griff on August 2 was supported by over 100 people.

A flying display, courtesy of Griff and Jamie, of the Hawking Centre, with some audience participation, marked the beginning of a memorable evening.

This was followed by a sumptuous barbecue cooked by Griff, who proudly wore his new personalised chef's hat!

Even heavy rain, thunder and lightning failed to dampen spirits, and a well-supported raffle brought the total raised for Rotary charities to more than £800.

Newly-elected president Peter Battle was 'delighted' and thanked everyone, particularly Griff, his wife Norma, hawking cen-

tre staff, and fellow Rotarians.

The Welsh Hawking Centre, located on Five Mile Lane, near to Weycock Cross in Barry, is open daily (except Tuesdays) and well worth a visit.

On August 21, the Barry Club will be at the Vale Show in Fommon, supporting Stroke Awareness.

Free blood pressure tests will be available to everyone attending the show - along with a fundraising stall.

The club continues to make much-needed monthly donations to the Vale Food Bank in Barry and plans are already in hand for the annual fireworks fiesta on November 5 at Barry Island.

Rotary has over one million members worldwide who form a global network of business, professional and community volunteers.

Barry Rotarians meet in the Mount Sorrel Hotel on Thursdays (6pm for 6.30pm).

For further information, speak to president Peter Battle on 01446 710204, or look online at www.rifi.org



'TRUE COST OF THE EU'

A GAIN, we have a response from John Owen (The GEM August 1) that tells us what the press tells us is wrong with the EU, rather than tell us how we are going to manage on our own as a trading nation if we leave the EU.

He repeats the line that the EU costs the UK £45 million per day. This is not true.

The figure quoted is the amount we pay into the EU each day and takes no account of the money that comes back in the form of CAP payments to Welsh farmers, industrial regeneration, and capital spending grants to the Welsh and UK governments, and a myriad of other ways.

It's been calculated that the net cost to the UK of EU membership is between £3-4 billion per annum.

I hold no truck with the bureaucracy of the EU but to bandy around the usual adjectives 'unelected' and 'unaccountable' is again a distortion of the facts.

He refers to the social costs of pensions, which are not set by Europe, National Insurance, which is not set by Europe and which pays for the state pension and the NHS, maternity leave, which was introduced by the UK government and altered by Europe, to give more benefits to pregnant women and after their babies were born.

Small businesses can claim a rebate from the government if they incur redundancy costs, which partially covers their outlay.

This did not originate in Brussels, we have had redundancy payments for years.

David Kennett, Barry



ABOVE: Former Rotary president Griff does the carving.

BELOW: Paul Halstead and family.



SECOND NOVEL

THE sequel to Vale author Jonathan Hicks' first novel 'The Dead of Mametz' was published by Y Lolfa on July 16, entitled 'Demons Walk Among Us', the second in the Thomas Oscendale series.

The historian's forthcoming book on Barry's role in the Second World War will contain the results of six years' research.

Heritage Coast talk for local support group

AT the July meeting of Porthcawl Parkinson's Support Group, Helen Miles from the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Centre, gave an interesting talk, supported by colour slides, about the coast between Aberthaw and the mouth of Ogmore River.

Starting at Aberthaw, she said that the old lookout post is being used as a learning facility. Classes are held there for schoolchildren to learn about the coastline and its dangers.

There are some beautiful beaches along this coast, but the speed and height of the tides can make them dangerous.

Helen went on to say

that the beaches were not only about sand, and showed pictures of the rock formations and the wonderful patterns formed during their creation.

A lot of the work is devoted to keeping the land and paths adjacent to the coast (that is not being farmed) in good condition.

This had the knock-on effect of encouraging wildlife and some of the animals and birds that had deserted the area, were now starting to return and breed there.

Afterwards, Mr Chris Smart thanked Helen for her wonderful talk and said how much everyone had enjoyed it.

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'Gentleman' Tony retires after completing 8,000 home repairs



ABOVE: Tony and his familiar van on his last day at work. (The photo was taken discreetly—as he didn't want any fuss!)

GOOD wishes go to popular 'handyperson' Anthony 'Tony' Richards who retired as handyperson of Care and Repair in the Vale on July 17 after completing over 8,000 home repairs for older people.

Tony has worked at Care and Repair in the Vale for 10 years, making a difference to the lives of older people by repairing, maintaining and adapting their homes.

He worked over the whole of the county but his main area was in the west of the Vale.

As a result of Tony's highly-regarded work, older people have contacted Care and Repair in the Vale to say that they now feel safer, more confident and more secure undertaking their daily activities in their

home.

Comments from customers include: "Tony is one of the most polite and informative gentlemen I have met," and, "I always look forward to seeing him; he's such a nice, kind gentleman and does a wonderful job."

Richard Thomas, Manager at Care and Repair in the Vale said:

"Although Tony wanted to retire without any fuss, Care and Repair in the Vale simply couldn't allow him to leave without informing his many customers."

"He always went above the call of duty and never really switched off from his work."

"In his retirement, he will get much-deserved leisure time and can focus on his own home now. Good luck Tony, in your retirement, from all of us."

Inspirational Homes and Gardens

How to make your garden more drought resistant!

OUR sweltering July probably prompted many gardeners to reach for the hosepipe – writes HANNAH STEPHENSON.

In fact, according to The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), less than 3 per cent of the annual water consumption of an average household is estimated to be from

garden use, but at peak times as much as 70 per cent of water supplied may be used in gardens.

This doesn't have to be the case though. Rainwater collected in water butts, waste water from the kitchen and grey water from the bathroom can all be used to water plants.

Or, maybe, the ultimate solution is simply to create a garden that doesn't need much watering in the first

place. This doesn't mean creating a desert garden devoid of colour.

Dramatic flowerbeds can easily be achieved from plants that have very low moisture and maintenance demands.

Many drought-resistant plants naturally form communities of plants which all thrive in the same conditions and come from similar Mediterranean habitats.

At the front of the border, you could have dwarf lavender, Sedum spectabile, lamb's ears and ornamental grass such as stipa tenuissima, while middle-sized drought-resistant plants include Echinacea purpurea 'Magnus', Erysimum 'Bowles's Mauve' (wallflower), Russian sage and Nepeta 'Six Hills Giant' (cat-mint).

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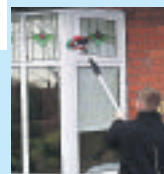
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Inspirational Homes and Gardens

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At the back of the border you could use species more than 1.8m tall, including *Cotinus coggygia* 'Royal Purple', *Choisya ternata* (Mexican orange blossom) and *Trachelospermum jasminoides*.

Most drought-tolerant plants will have either aromatic leaves, fleshy and succulent leaves (which store moisture for dry spells), grey leaves, hairy leaves (which shade themselves with their own hairs), long narrow leaves (which are good at shedding heat without water), or spikes (which act as 'fins' to cool the

plant). The RHS offers these extra tips to create a more drought-resistant, but still attractive, garden:

- Cultivate the soil deeply and dig in large quantities of organic matter to improve soil structure, water retention and water availability for plants.

- Well-rotted garden compost, mushroom compost, composted bark and well-rotted farmyard manure are all suitable forms of organic matter.

- Heavy manuring can add nearly a month's worth of water storage capacity to the soil. Loam-based potting compost doesn't dry out as quickly as peat-free

composts. If using peat-free, water-retaining gels might have some benefit.

- Apply sufficient fertiliser as plants use water most efficiently where nutrient levels are adequate. But do not apply too much fertiliser to the soil, as this can encourage too much lush growth which can flop in summer, requiring extra watering and becoming frost-damaged in winter.

- Choose plants with grey-green or silver leaves as they reflect the sun's rays, helping to conserve moisture within the plant tissues.

- Try to choose plants which suit the site's soil type and aspect. They will be

more tolerant of varying climatic conditions, as well as of pest and disease problems.

- Plant things while they are still small. They will develop much greater resilience as they adapt to their conditions from a young age.

Ideally, plant in autumn so they can do some growing before dry weather arrives.

- If planting Mediterranean plants, do so in spring when the soil is warming up. Many of these plants will suffer from root-rot if planted in autumn and become cold and damp over winter.

- Before planting, thoroughly soak the plants in their pots in a

bucket of water until the bubbles stop rising to the surface.

- Thoroughly 'water in' all new plants (and

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TROPICAL PARADISE with 40,000 balloons at Cardiff Bay!

THE UK's biggest Balloon Art Festival is returning to Cardiff Bay for the second time on Saturday and Sunday, August 18-19, bringing world class instructors and award-winning sculptors to Wales, to create a helium-filled tropical paradise.

Following the success of the 2011 festival, Cardiff Bay's popular entertainment destination, The Red Dragon Centre, has again teamed up with Barry-based company, Doctor Bob's Balloons, to transform the centre into a spectacular Paradise Island, featuring tropical animals, plants and an 18 foot giraffe, all made entirely of balloons. The event is free for all to attend.

Actor Jay Ruckley, who stars as the mischievous grandfather in popular CBeebies programme Grandpa in My Pocket, will officially open the event on August 17, and will be available to sign autographs for fans at 12pm.

Throughout the weekend, a team of Doctor Bob's staff will also be on hand from 12pm-5pm, to meet and greet visitors and to talk about their creations. The festival highlights

will include a giraffe, over 18 feet tall, made up of 3,000 mocha brown balloons and over 2,000 goldenrod balloons.

The festival will use 40,000 balloons and 30 litres of nitrogen; 12 skilled balloon artists will be working alongside Doctor Bob and his staff to create a tropical paradise, totalling more than 1,500 man hours.

"Balloons will be 100 per cent Qualatex biodegradable latex balloons that decompose at the same rate as an oak leaf," a spokesperson explained.

Dr Bob Armstrong founded Doctor Bob's Balloons in 1995, and has since travelled all over the world with his balloons. He said: "We have seen festivals like this in Italy, Malaysia and Dallas for years and it's great that we're able to bring the festival to Wales for a second time and to host it at the Red Dragon Centre."

Emma Constantinou, marketing manager for the Red Dragon Centre said: "We're really excited that the Balloon Art Festival is returning for 2013, and to be working with Doctor Bob's Balloons again after such a successful festival in 2011."

"This year's theme is going to be great and we can't wait to welcome visitors into our balloon-



Lili Hunter and Mabli Sachs, both aged four, admire the clown fish.

RIGHT: Robert Armstrong of Dr Bob's Balloons, creators of the balloon sculptures.

made Paradise Island – you never know what you're going to get with the British summer, so this year we're bringing it indoors!

"The sculptures will sit alongside our great attractions, including our state-of-the-art cinema, restaurants, gym, casino, and bowling alley, offering a great day out for all ages."

The team will also be creating a balloon sculpture of a giant palm tree and toucan in a deck chair, drawn by Amira Arish (9) from Murch Junior School in Dinas Powys, who was the winner of the Red Dragon Centre's design competition.

"The balloons used are environmentally friendly, taking only six months to



A spokesperson said: "The previous festival in 2011, was the first of its kind in the UK, and attracted over 35,000 visitors in three days. 30,000 balloons and over 680 hours of work were involved in turning the centre into an underwater kingdom."

"The balloons used are environmentally friendly, taking only six months to

bio-degrade." For more information visit www.thereddragoncentre.co.uk. Follow @RedDragonCentre on Twitter or 'like' The Red Dragon Centre on Facebook. Visitors are advised that the Centre's usual car park procedures still apply – free for Centre customers with minimum spend purchase).

Laser technique to treat cancer

A WOMAN from Ogmere Vale is among skin cancer patients benefiting from a laser technique, developed by ABMU plastic surgeons, which removes the cancer, usually without leaving a scar.

The technique targets Nodular Basal Cell Carcinomas, which are cancerous skin lesions or tumours visible on the skin.

The cancer isn't usually aggressive and rarely spreads.

Traditional treatments, such as skins creams, freezing of the lesions or radiotherapy, may need multiple applications to remove the cancer. Also, some treatments, for example surgery, can leave a scar.

Staff based at the Welsh Centre of Burns and Plastics Surgery at Morriston Hospital developed a treatment which combines two laser techniques.

Annette Cabbie, from Ogmere Vale, has been treated with laser treatment and surgery for different lesions:

"I had to have surgery for a growth on my ear, which meant having part of the ear removed and a skin graft. I've since had



PICTURED: Annette Cabbie, from Ogmere Vale receives laser treatment for a facial lesion from Leanne Greenslade, health care support worker; Barbara O'Leary, clinical nurse specialist; Max Murison, consultant plastic surgeon.

laser treatment on my leg and my face and I much prefer it.

"It is a lot less invasive and it is quicker. Also, I don't worry or stress about the procedure as I would if it was

an operation. I am really pleased with the results of the laser treatment, as I don't usually have a scar or mark afterwards. Also, the staff really look after me while in their care", she added.

DIABETES TALK

VALE of Glamorgan Diabetes UK voluntary group's next meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 20 in the board room, at Llandough Hospital, Penarth, from 7.30pm – 9pm.

The speaker will be a psychologist, Dr Katie Thirlaway. Everyone is welcome.

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GHOSTLY TALES with HAYLEY WILLIAMS

Phantom figure who waves to passersby from her carriage

AUGUST is the eighth month on the Gregorian calendar – before this, Sextilis was the sixth month of the Roman datebook.

Eight years prior to the birth of Christ, the month adopted the name Augustus, which was named after the Emperor Augustus Caesar.

The Anglo Saxons called August Wood, which means weed, as all plant life grows at a more rapid pace at this time of the year.

The birthstone of August is the peridot, and its honourable flower, the gladiolus, adding to the fascination of such a colourful month.

August has a few memorable occasions which changed the way of the world, such as the celebration of the Welsh National Eisteddfod (which dates back to 1176) during the first week of the month.

This tradition was originally a medieval gathering of bards and minstrels, who competed for the Noble's Chair with a festival of Welsh art and culture.

The Battle of Bosworth began on August 22, 1483; World War I began on August 4, 1914; Francis Chichester left Plymouth on Gypsy Moth VI on August 27 in 1966; and our Queen of Hearts, Princess Diana, was killed in a car crash on August 31.

The first day of August was traditionally known as Lammas

Day – the thanksgiving for the harvest crops where loaves of bread were baked by farmers from the wheat of the first crop and laid on church altars for Holy Communion.

Lammas Day was celebrated with a festival where farmers would also present their work-force with a pair of gloves.

One white glove would be placed on a decorated pole to mark the beginning of the celebration, which lasted for 11 days.

It was the festival of love and the foretelling of marriage, and luck would fall on any couple whose love blossomed throughout the duration of the fair.

Farmers would also let the bread from the first corn go stale, so that they could sprinkle its crumbs into each corner of their barn as a symbol of good luck.

This custom ended abruptly under Henry VIII's reign, as he broke away from the Roman Catholic Church. Lammas Day was renamed Holy Christian Day, and the Harvest Festival was forwarded to the following month of September.

The Celtic harvest season was called Lughnasadh, after the Celtic sun god Lugh, and corn dollies were made to mark the occasion.

The hottest days of the year are said to happen throughout August, according to Weatherlore, and an old saying was repeated during festivals: "Dry August and warmth doth harvest no harm. The first week

of August be warm, the winter will be white and long."

The summer bank holiday was introduced under the Bank Holidays Act in 1871. The intention was to give bank employees time off work to attend cricket matches on the first day of the month. One hundred years later in 1971, it was moved to the last Monday in August.

Customs relating to devil dancing were traditional during olden times, but these were banned by Puritans following the Civil War.

In Middle Ages, rushes were used as floor covering, and villages throughout the land would hold a special summer ceremony on the nearest Saturday to the fifth.

Rushes were harvested for the ritual, and carpets and sculptures (called bearings) were carried by a procession to people's houses.

Coracle races were held around riverbanks during the middle stages of the month. These mostly involved fishing skills, with the catching of salmon and trout, which are noted to be moving upstream from the sea.

With so many legends and eerie tales alike encompassing the southern counties of Wales, could the month of August hide a multitude of ghostly beings waiting to pounce during the eighth month of the year?

On the first Monday of August, around the ruins of kennels at Pwllwyrach in

Colwinston, eerie screams and cries at midnight can be heard bellowing out across the land each year. These pitiful sounds are said to be from a huntsman who went on a drinking binge for many days, leaving his hounds unattended in the kennels, and doomed to starve.

On his return, the angry hounds tore him to pieces. To this day, ghostly mastiffs of hell hounds howl and bay in union with the huntsman's screams around the ruined kennels.

Zig Zag lane in Porthcawl is no stranger to the haunting sight of a coach and horses tearing along at pace.

Legend maintains that the coach driver and his female passenger tragically died after he lost control of his coach, overturning in the darkness.

The phantom figure of a lady dressed in white clothing appears to wave at witnesses from a carriage before the whole scene disappears into oblivion.

Could this be a re-enactment of the tragic incident from days gone by – or just an elusive trick of the imagination?

But fact or fiction? It's up to you to decide...

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GHOSTLY TALK...

There will be a Ghost Talk and Walk as part of Porthcawl Sea Festival on Sunday, August 11, at the Swan Inn, Nottage, at 6pm. All are welcome to come and join in the fun! (£2.50 per person).

Group pays poignant visit to Normandy's wartime battlefields



ON a recent four-day visit to the Normandy battlefields, the 'Back Tuesday' group based at the Plough and Harrow, Monknash, paid their respects at a number of graves of local men, who were killed in the D-Day campaign during World War Two.

At Bayeux cemetery, the group visited the grave of Glyn David Lougher, of Marcross, who died on June 27, 1944. Glyn served with the Reconnaissance Corps, RAC, 49th (West Riding) Regiment.

He was 19 when he was killed and was the son of David and Ann Lougher, of Marcross.

A wreath, and pebbles from Marcross beach were laid on behalf of the group by John Lougher, of Tylantglwst Farm who gave a short talk to the group about Glyn Lougher.

At Camber-en-Plein cemetery, north of Caen, the group paid their respects to John Rowdan James, who was killed on July 8, 1944, while serving with the South Staffordshire

Regiment. The remembrance was led by his son John James, who lives in Coychurch.

John was born two days after his father was killed and has visited the grave on several occasions.

All the group members felt that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission do a fantastic job in maintaining the cemeteries to such a high standard.

On the ferry back, by a strange coincidence the group met veterans of the South Staffordshire regiment, who return to the area every year on the anniversary of the battle for Caen, where their regiment suffered such high casualties.

John James was able to talk to the veterans who are in their late 80s and 90s, one of whom had known John's father.

This was a really poignant and emotional moment.

During the weekend, the group were able to visit all five landing beaches, Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword.

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GOSLING'S LATEST WILL CERTAINLY DIVIDE CINEMA AUDIENCE!

THERE are few cooler movies that have been released this century than *Drive*.

The tale of a getaway driver and his burgeoning relationship with his next door neighbour was effortlessly ice-cold and arguably made Ryan Gosling the coolest man on the planet.

Gosling has reteamed with that film's director, Nicolas Winding Refn, for *Only God Forgives*, which sees Gosling play Julian, a drug-smuggler in Bangkok, whose life gets even more complicated when his mother (Kristin Scott Thomas) tasks him with finding and killing the man responsible for killing his brother, something that will push Julian to the edge...

When *Only God Forgives* premiered earlier this year at the Cannes Film Festival, the response was a chorus of boos and jeers, rather than the standing ovations that you usually hear of from the south of France.

Watching it, you can see where the audience

was coming from, the work a woozy fever dream of a film where plotting and character development take a backseat to imagery and suggestion.

However, if you are willing to buy into Nicholas Winding Refn's vision, and let the film wash over, then you may just find yourself being seduced by *Only God Forgives'* obtuse charm.

While *Drive* was a cool, efficient thriller that did what it did with great economy, this time around the focus is less on Gosling as a leading man, and more as part of an ensemble that constantly pushes and pulls away from the film's structure.

Lensing Bangkok with an eye for the darker recesses of the area, Refn's direction is slow-burning, measured and meaning than it does with hurrying the story along.

It looks gorgeous, the occasional visceral violence having even more impact when snapping the film out of its dreamy feel, yet it never

rushes along, sticking resolutely to its own pacing.

It's a similar situation for the story, where whys and hows are foregone; Refn is saying something about the arrogance of the stranger in a strange land, and the nature of parent-child relationships, but if you need explanation and exposition, then don't look for it here.

Gosling spends much of the film looking mean and moody in a variety of lights, but it shows his magnetism that his performance is impressive despite the lack of dialogue and backstory, the character torn between pleasing his overbearing mother and living his own life.

Said mother is played by Kristin Scott Thomas, who delivers a performance a million miles away from expectations, the bleached-blonde, foul-mouthed woman a fair distance away from her usual work, and going against type pays great dividends.

Vithaya Pansringarm makes up the lead tri-umvirate as the police chief keeping an eye on Julian and his mother, whose own brand of justice involves a sharp sword, and it is a startling, powerful performance by the actor, one that easily steals the show from his esteemed colleagues, his performance lingering long after the credits.

Despite this fulsome praise, *Only God Forgives* isn't an easy film to love and should be approached mindful of its lack of story and depth; many will no doubt find the film too slow and unengaging. But if you fancy something of a challenge, then it is certainly worth a try, a dark, disembod-



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ied picture that will stay with you.

VERDICT - Very much a 'Marmite' film, *Only God Forgives* will anger as many people as it will please. Nicholas Winding Refn's wilfully difficult work can't be approached too casually, but with some stunning moments it will reward those willing to stick with it. **Recommended.**

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Drive* (2011), *Bronson* (2008).

Flying priest is back in Barry

THIS Sunday (August 11) there is the chance in Barry, to hear a priest who in recent months has been flown by RAF jet to take charge of churches of the South Atlantic

Island of St Helena and sailed on the paddle steamer *Waverley*, to lead Evensong on Lundy Island in the Bristol Channel.

Father Roy Dooxey was, until one year ago, Vicar of the Church of St German in Cardiff. His life as a priest has included the amazing contrasts of serving in the poorest and most deprived parts of Africa and as chaplain at an English public school.

He will lead the services, and preach, at the church of Merthyr Dyfan on Sunday at 8.45am and at St Paul's Church, in St Paul's Avenue Barry at 10am. Everyone is welcome

to join the services and meet Father Dooxey, who will be accompanied by his famous Jack Russell terriers, Megan and Jasper, who are great favourites, particularly with all children.

Coychurch Show

WHATEVER the weather throws at gardeners, there is sure to be something worth seeing in Coychurch at

the 37th annual horticultural show, at the Williams Memorial Hall, on Saturday, August 17, at 2pm.

Classes include the usual flowers, vegetables and fruit, along with flower arranging, crafts, preserves and home baking.

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- The rollover, which stands at £3,500, was not won this week.
- £10: 477493, 190334, 895762, 832389, 410960, 276397, 395579, 531315, 870507, 412071, 101644, 140826, 485391, 344366, 154624, 712758, 622188, 397955, 221935, 844575.
- £5: 839267, 551844, 568887, 311552, 895465, 365208, 582387, 227469, 790282, 257507, 151829, 155914, 476146, 903669, 292498, 114165, 866041, 199489, 75779, 130643, 751373, 581861, 827789, 536974, 641808, 257572, 606587, 569888, 367138, 524804, 704939, 800491, 309068, 496830, 201596, 524856, 438879, 320968, 890694, 538603, 128654, 165073, 353173, 117463, 575981, 607607, 268513, 716369, 694664, 898202, 293481, 384784, 666375, 525399, 872658, 525159, 287074, 277902, 774586, 000463.

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Photos at Cardiff Airport by Keith E Morgan.
Other photos by members of the
'TOUCHING THE SUN' team.



ABOVE: The Touching the Sun team on Iliniza Norte,

A GROUP of supporters of a Cowbridge-based charity have made it safely home after almost two weeks trekking through snow and ice at high altitude in South America.

The Prostate Cymru 'Touching The Sun' team returned home to Cardiff Airport last Thursday (August 1).

As the photos on this page make clear, although the phrase 'touching the sun' might conjure up images of somewhere warm, in reality the walk was a serious mountain expedition.

The team had to navigate long stretches of snow and ice, and cold weather clothing was essential.

Their mission was to climb five volcanos – one the highest mountain in Ecuador – to raise money for robotic surgery at the University of Wales Hospital, Cardiff, as part of the Prostate Cymru 'Touching The Sun' Challenge

In fact, the team were unable to reach the summit of all five, because the highest peak of Chimborazo was impossible to

climb due to the extremely bad weather.

The Prostate Cymru 'band of brothers' (and sisters) were led by Andy Thomas, consultant urologist at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, the co-founder, with the late Ray Murray, of GLAZE and Prostate Cymru.

Andy's team was Sue and Eddie Butler, Martin Caswell, Peter Croke, Nigel Cuthbertson, John Edwards, Wynne Harries, Christine Holme, Andrew Jones, Keith Mort, Matt Murray and Robert Norster.

During the 15-day expedition, they walked through the 'Avenue of Volcanoes', which contains some of the country's highest volcanic peaks.

The team were welcomed home at the airport by family and friends and by Jon Horne, the chief executive of Cardiff Airport.

BELOW:
On the way up Cotopaxi,
the trekkers encountered
a steep ice wall.



ABOVE: The 'Touching the Sun' Team being welcomed home by Jon Horne, the chief executive of Cardiff Airport.



ABOVE:
Sue and Eddie Butler descend Cotopaxi.

RIGHT:
Matt Murray with his mother Lyn scanning
the pages of the GEM to read the report on
the team's departure.



ABOVE: Bob Norster and Andy Thomas on
the summit of Cotopaxi.



ABOVE: Andy Thomas discussing the
expedition with Mrs Lyn Murray, widow of
co-founder Ray Murray.



Remembering the courage and sacrifice of men from the Vale in Year of the Convoy

THE Merchant Navy Association came 'off the slipway' in August 1989 when the newly-formed branches began to raise awareness of the Merchant Navy and, in particular, the dedication and commitment of merchant seafarers during war and conflict.

For the first time, in the year 2000, Merchant Navy veterans marched behind the Royal Navy in Column E, and the Merchant Navy wreath was proudly laid at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London.

The wreath, with its unique MN design, joined the 'Red Duster' which had been displayed at the Cenotaph since the memorial was dedicated.

"Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten".

Also in 2000, HM Government approved September 3 as Merchant Navy Day. It was the day that the SS *Athenia* was sunk, just nine hours after Prime Minister Chamberlain declared the outbreak of war on the 'wireless'.

It should also be noted that the last casualties before VE Day were on a Merchant ship, also with the loss of merchant seafarers.

A MN Stamp of Approval

The Merchant Navy Association (Wales) Barry branch has worked for over three years, with many other bodies, in an attempt to gain a Royal Mail 'Stamp of Approval' for, and in tribute to, the men of the British Merchant Navy.

This autumn will see the stamps issued on September 19. The subject looks at 200 years of the British merchant fleet, from the age of sail to the modern bulk carrier and marks the contribution made by the Merchant Service.

Some famous ships are included, such as the *Cutty Sark* and the *Queen Elizabeth*. Also featured are Royal Mail ships, including the renowned *Britannia*, propelled by both steam and sail, it famously made an inaugural voyage for the Cunard line which had the contract to convey the mail.

The miniature sheet, titled 'The Atlantic and Arctic Convoys', focuses on the Merchant Navy's

vital role and sacrifice during the Second World War, when military supplies, foodstuffs and people were transported in large convoys to avoid being sunk by the enemy.

Four black-and-white photographs offer a look at the daily life at sea during this time. 2013 is Year of the Convoy – noting the year when the Battle of the Atlantic reached its height and the German U-boat menace began to be defeated.

The mini sheet will be a tribute to the courage of the personnel of the convoys and the harsh conditions and terrifying risks they faced.

The quote on the mini sheet, from Winston Churchill, is a chilling reminder of these risks – "The only thing ever that really frightened me during the war was the U-boat peril".

THE MONTHS OF JULY WORLD WAR 2

On July 15, 1940, the British cargo steamer *SS Bellerophon* was mined and sunk in the middle of the Bristol Channel between Foreland Point and Porthcawl with the loss of 17 lives, including the cook William Piper. William aged 24, was the son of William James Piper and Edith Piper of Barry.

Four days later, the cargo steamer *SS Pearlmoor* was torpedoed and sunk by the German submarine U-62 on July 19. The master and 25 crew members landed at Gola Island in Ireland.

Thirteen members of the crew died, including local men Salih Tabit, Mohamed Masul, Abel Mosham, Mohamed Rajah and third Engineer Officer George Newton.

Also on July 19, 1941, the *SS Holmside* was attacked by the enemy submarine U-66, north-east of the Cape Verde Islands.

During a first attack, the ship had been missed with two stern and two bow torpedoes but it was then hit by three torpedoes and sank within 15 minutes.

Eighteen crew members and three gunners were lost. The master, 13 crew members and two gunners were picked up by the Portuguese steam merchant *Sete Cidades* and landed at Lisbon on August 1.

Barry resident Hazmah Ebanks was lost, he was a son of Albert N and Laura A Ebanks; husband of Nadine W Ebanks, of West Bay, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands.

On July 27, 1941, the



ABOVE: A World War Two poster.

cargo steamer *SS Kellwyn* when en route from Tyne – Oban – Lisbon in Convoy OG-69 was torpedoed by German submarine U-79 and sunk.

The Master, Alexander McLean (son of Daniel and Elizabeth McLean; husband of Annie Mary McLean) of Barry, 10 crew members and three gunners were lost.

Nine crew members were picked up by the British armed trawler *HMS St Nectan* and landed at Gibraltar on August 1.

The *SS Hoihow* was a British cargo steamer of 2,798 tons built in 1933. On July 2, 1943, when en route from Mauritius for Tamatave, she was torpedoed by German submarine U-181 and sunk – 144 persons were lost from a total of 149.

The Chief Engineer Officer George Richard Wensley (son of Joseph Edmonson, the Chief Engineer Officer, and Mary Wensley) a local man, was lost.

A week later, on July 9, the *SS Manchester Citizen*, another British cargo steamer, when en route from Freetown to Lagos in ballast and in Convoy ST-71, was torpedoed by German submarine U-508 (George Staats) and sunk.

A 45-year-old able seaman, Nazzareno Busuttill from Barry, was lost from the *Manchester Citizen*.

The *SS Empire Lake* was a cargo steamer of 2,852 tons built in 1941. On July 15, 1943, when en route from Durban for Aden and Middle East, she was torpedoed by German submarine U-181 and sunk. Thirty one of the crew were lost from a total crew of 38.

Local man Chief Officer Hiram L Brock and the Chief Engineer Officer, Ronald Edward Marr (son of Wellington Best Marr and Lilian Hardy Marr) of Penarth, were lost.

On July 26, 1943, the *SS Fishpool* (2) was sunk in an air raid at Syracuse while discharging ammunition and aviation spirit brought from Alexandria, killing 23 crew, including Barry man Ernest Edmonson, the Chief Engineer Officer, and five DEMS gunners. Eighteen survived.

On July 24, 1944, the British steamship *Portsea* struck a mine and sank off Ancona in the Adriatic. Twenty five of her crew were lost, including local resident Ali Farah. A few days later, on July 29, 1943, the *MV Cornish City*, a

British cargo motor vessel carrying 9,600 tons of coal, was torpedoed by German submarine U-177 and sunk.

Thirty seven of the crew were lost from a total of 43. Her Master, Henry Thomas Isaac aged 48 (son of Thomas and Florence Isaac; husband of Kitty Isaac, of Barry) and Able Seaman Gerald Buttigieg aged 35, another local man, were among those lost.

Cowbridge:

The free-standing stone memorial on the edge of the pavement outside Cowbridge Town Hall is dated circa 1921 by the UK National Inventory of War Memorials.

On the face towards the road the inscription reads: *To the memory of the men of this borough who volunteered for active service and gave their lives for King and Country in the great European war 1914 – 1919.*

On the opposite face there is the inscription: *And to the memory of those of this borough who gave their lives in the Second World War 1939 – 1945.*

In 2008, the War Memorials Trust added the name of Stoker Benjamin Hayward RN



The Merchant Navy Memorial in Barry.



ABOVE: Part of the roll call of those lost on the SS Stanleigh.



Cowbridge's war memorial.

(Royal Navy) to the memorial and repainted all the names on the memorial in black enamel.

While the majority of the men commemorated at Cowbridge from the First World War were in the army, the Second World War names are spread between the services to include men from the Royal Air Force and the Mercantile and Royal Navies.

Another Royal Navy Petty Officer, David Morgan John, is remembered on the memorial, along with the many of the armed forces.

The memorial also pays tribute to Thomas John Richards, Merchant Navy, who died on March 14, 1941, age 55. Records show that Thomas was Chief Engineer on the steamship *SS Stanleigh*, in convoy off Liverpool Bay when she was attacked at night by a German aircraft.

She soon sank, rolling so that she destroyed one of her boats full of men. Six men survived on a raft (oil barrels and planks) being picked up after a day afloat.

Thomas is remembered with honour on

Panel 101, Tower Hill Memorial, and at Cowbridge.

Merchant Navy Day is September 3, each year. The annual national commemoration is at Tower Hill, London, this year on Sunday, September 8, and will remember all.

The Merchant Navy Association (Wales) Barry branch will hold its 'annual seafarers' service' during this Year of the Convoy 2013 in September, shortly after the Post Office – Merchant Navy Stamps of approval issue.

JT GREENWAY

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (DURELL STREET, LLANTWIT MAJOR) TRAFFIC CALMING 2013

1. Notice is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 90A and C of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended), the provisions contained within The Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999 and all other enabling powers, proposes to construct traffic calming measures as detailed in the Schedule to this Notice.
2. Full details of the proposals, to include a copy of the drawing (T12/95/MS) may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objection you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Head of Visible Services (IF713) in writing by the 30th August 2013 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.
3. Persons objecting to the proposed traffic calming are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposal open to public inspection.

SCHEDULE

The construction of traffic calming as specified below:

Two 75mm high speed cushions with approximate dimensions:

1.75 metres wide x 1.9 metres long.

The centres being approximately 9 metres and 43 metres north of the junction with Commercial Street.

Dated this 8th day of August 2013

Mr. M.E. Punter

Director of Visible Services and Housing

Vale of Glamorgan Council,

The Alps, Quarry Road, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA.



CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2013 GORCHYMYN (ARAFU TRAFFIG) (DURELL STREET, LLANILLTUD FAWR)

1. Hysbysir trwy hyn y bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adranau 90A ac C Deddf Prifffyrdd 1980 (ddiwgiedig), Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984, y darpariaethau yn Rheoliadau Prifffyrdd (Tfwpethau Ffordd) 1999, a phob p. er galluogi arall, yn cymryd y camau i arafu traffig sydd wedi'u hgluglo yn yr atodlen i'r hysbysiad hwn.
2. Cewch weld y cynigion llawn, gan gynnwys copi o'r llun (T12/95/MS) yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Os oes gennych unrhyw wrthwynebiad i'r cynnig, dylech anfon llythyr at Gyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai (IF713) erbyn 30 Awst 2013 gan nodi'ch rhesymau dros ei wrthwynebu.
3. Os ydych yn wrthwynebu'r cynnig hwn, y mae'n bwysig cofio bod dyletswydd ar y cyngor o dan Deddf Llywodraeth Leol (Haw i Wybodaeth) 1985, i sicrhau bod unrhyw sylw sy'n dod i law mewn ymateb iddo, ar gael i'r cyhoedd ei astudio.

ATOLDEN

Gosod y deunydd canlynol ar gyfer arafu traffig:

Dwy glustog 75mm ar gyfer arafu traffig tra chylfym sydd oddeutu:

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Bydd manau canol y rhain yn rhyw 9 metr a 43 metr i'r gogledd o'r gyffordd â Commercial Street.

Dyddiedig 8 Awst 2013

Mr. M. E. Punter

Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai,

Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,

Canolfan yr Alpau, Heol y Chwarel, Gwentfô, CF5 6AA.



CLASSICAL DUO

GUITAR duo, Stephen Biggs and Rachel Buckley will be performing on Sunday, August 11 from 3pm – 5pm for music in the park at Brynagarw House and Country Park, Brynmynen.

Stephen Biggs is an experienced classical guitar player and will be playing Spanish and South American-style music, accompanied by Rachel Buckley, a graduate from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. She has been playing and teaching the classical guitar for a number of years.

'Learner' Stan passes his 100th birthday...

DEPUTY Mayor and Mayoress of the Vale, Coun Howard and Carol Hamilton recently congratulated a remarkable Vale man on his 100th birthday.

Mr Stanley Spear was born and grew up in Barry. His parents made sacrifices so that both he and his sister could have a good education and Stan was the first of the family to go to university. He went to Cardiff, where he read French and German, obtaining an honours degree in German.

After graduating, in 1924, he was offered his first job in the office of a firm at Cardiff docks and remained with this company for about three years.

However, he had already decided office work was not for him and



The deputy Mayor and Mayoress with Stan.

that he wanted to become a language teacher, so in 1928 he went to Leicester University for a year to complete a post graduate certificate in Education.

During the war, Stan worked with the forestry commission in Monmouthshire. His language skills were put to good use at the end of the war, when he went to work for the International Voluntary

Service for Peace.

The volunteers had to work as a team to set up work camps to improve conditions for people living in Europe after the war. He worked in various countries, including Holland, Belgium, Norway and Italy, and was even appointed as camp leader on some occasions. Mr Spear had the opportunity to go to work in Germany for a year with the IVSP, at the end of the war. He was delighted to do this to improve his German.

On his return, he took up a teaching post in Neath Grammar School, where he remained until 1957, when he decided he wanted to see more of the world and sailed out to New Zealand, where he taught in a school near Wellington for 18 months.

When he returned home, he taught in

Tavistock, Devon, for a few years, until he obtained a position in Bridgend, where he remained until he retired in 1978.

After retiring, Stan decided to return to New Zealand for a couple of months to visit old friends. He was able to enjoy a good holiday, touring around and seeing as much as he could of the country, before returning home again.

Stan was always very active enjoying many interests, especially gardening and at one time had an allotment, so that he could supply the family with fresh vegetables. Until recent years, he did all his own cooking and even baked his own bread once a fortnight.

He has always enjoyed taking foreign holidays each summer and even in his 90s he was able to visit friends in Germany and Switzerland to keep up his German. He was delighted last week, when German friends were able to make a surprise visit to celebrate his birthday with him.

Every year, during his retirement, he has enrolled for language courses, kept fit and computer studies during the day – and even at 100 years old, is able to enjoy an Italian class, at his home in term time!

The Welsh team in Portugal.



Rhooose lifeguards shine in Welsh success in Portugal

Barrivale results

LATEST results from Barrivale, July 30:

1st Irene Thomas & Mark Roderick 67.26%;
2nd Peter Millar & Diana Jones 64.06%;
3rd Tim Barsby & Noelle Bond 55.36% - Vivien Liles & Hilary Laurence won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale, if you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm. MB

RHOOSE QUARTET!



PICTURED are Rhooose Lifeguards William Parker, Sara Phillips, Lauren Blake and Kathryn Gardner.

They recently competed at the

Atlantic Water Sports Games in Portugal.

The Welsh team came first in the Surf Life Saving section of the competition.

MILLWOOD BOWLS

IN an away Munro Cup game against Dinas Powys on July 31, Millwood were defeated 112-44.

The team were back in action on August 3 when they played Wattstown away in a league game; unfortunately the result was the same, as the team slipped to a 105-69 loss, a defeat that leaves Millwood still in with a slim chance of promotion.

They will be hoping for better on Saturday when they play Beddau at home, while Millwood 'A', (who had no Div. 6 game last week,) are away to Gelligaer 'A'.

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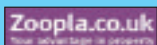
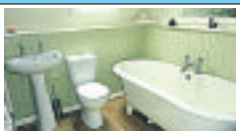
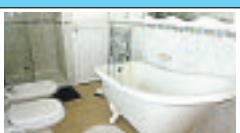
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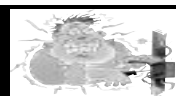
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Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00615/FUL
 Proposal:/Cynnig: Two storey rear outbuilding with accommodation to first floor and a rear extension to house 18, Westgate, Cowbridge
 Location:/Lleoliad: Cowbridge
 Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Cowbridge

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00652/FUL
 Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing toilets and cold store (not Listed). Extension of existing pub. Re-build of existing outbuildings to provide residential accommodation and shop
 Location:/Lleoliad: The Plough and Harrow, Monknash
 Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Monknash

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00659/ADV
 Proposal:/Cynnig: Permanent For Sale/To Rent advertisement board
 Location:/Lleoliad: Penarth House, 26-28, Stanwell Road, Penarth
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Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00609/LBC
 Proposal:/Cynnig: Alteration to insert a spiral stair to provide access from the ground floor to first floor to link the cafe at the seaward end of the building
 Location:/Lleoliad: Penarth Pier Pavilion, The Esplanade, Penarth
 Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00643/LBC
 Proposal:/Cynnig: Repair works to porch
 Location:/Lleoliad: Barons Court, Penarth Road, Penarth
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Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00634/OUT
 Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of two new dwellings with revised vehicular access
 Location:/Lleoliad: Land at 74, Murch Road, Dinas Powys
 Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting Nos. 1-6 Little Orchard, Dinas Powys, Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00630/OUT
 Proposal:/Cynnig: Residential development (outline)
 Location:/Lleoliad: Hayes Road, Sully

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00632/FUL
 Proposal:/Cynnig: Construction of 24 residential units and associated works
 Location:/Lleoliad: Site of former quarry, Leckwith Road, Llandough

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2013/00633/FUL
 Proposal:/Cynnig: Erection of a single wind turbine, with maximum blade to height of 77 metres, along with accompanying access track, crane hardstanding, substation, associated underground cabling and temporary construction compound.
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RHOOSE LIFEGUARDS NIPPERS' FOURTH PLACE IN THE WELSH CHAMPIONSHIPS



WELL done to the Nippers' team from Rhose Lifeguards, who recently competed at the Welsh Championships held in Tenby, west Wales.

The two-day event, comprising beach and sea races, was particularly enjoyable, due to the excellent weather over the whole weekend, and the team put in another great effort to finish fourth overall, with 11 teams competing.

Liz Wong, Nipper co-ordinator and her team of coaches and helpers, congratulated all of the youngsters who took part in the competition, especially those who competed in every individual event and the relay and Super Nipper races – "a great effort by all, well done!"

Special congratulations also go to Evie Wong, who won all of her individual events – an excellent achievement. Well done Evie!

With many families staying in Tenby for the weekend, and with the fine weather, the event also proved to be a great social get-together for the lifeguards' club, with many families enjoying the 'after-competition' meal and drinks at the local pub.

Rhose Lifeguards would like to thank everyone involved in the competition, especially the Nippers' team, for a very enjoyable weekend.

Individual medals winners: Lena Davies – bronze Surf Wade, Moli Lyons – silver Beach Run, Evie Wong – gold Sprint, gold Beach Run, Emily Parker – bronze Surf Wade, Samuel Griffin – gold Beach Run, Cian Davies – bronze Surf Swim, Morgan Jenkins – bronze Sprint, Brooke Peterson – bronze Super Nipper, silver Sprint, Oliver Wong – gold Surf Swim, gold Board Race, silver Super Nipper, Jessica Wadey – silver Board Race, gold Super Nipper, gold Sprint, gold Beach Run, Ellie Peterson – silver Sprint, Tomos Wilshaw – silver Sprint, Alfie Davies – gold Beach Run; many more medals were won in the pairs and relay events.

Nippers' team: Elena Gibson, Gwenno Goode, Lena Davies, Cai Beasley, Benedict Griffin, Isabella David, Ella Bulmer, Yasmin Davies, Moli Lyons, Evie Wong, Joel Williams, Louie Gwatkin, Emily Parker, Kiera Harris, Lisa Grace, Will Odgers, Sam Jenkins, Brooke Peterson, Liberty Brooks, Cian Davies, Morgan Jenkins, Taran Downton, Samuel Griffin, Ethan Wall, Helen Jenkins, Oliver Wong, Jessica Wadey, Emily Price, Ellie Peterson, Dyfan Goode, Alfie Davies, Tomos Wilshaw, Jason Grice.



Sully amateur golfer through to UK final



ABOVE: the regional final winners, Wayne Blatchford (on right) and Stuart Hale.

Barry RFC Patrons' night off

IT is with regret that due a poor response for our Patrons Barbecue, the event has been cancelled.

We apologise to those that had booked to attend; however, the planned viewing of the Wall of Memory between 2pm and 5pm on August 17 will still take place as arranged and we look forward to seeing you.

AJ

DARTS DATE

THIS Friday (August 9), an inter league darts match will take place at the Barry Football Club.

A team representing the Barry Darts League, will take on a representative side from the Caldicot and Magor Darts League.

The match, which will consist of 11 singles games and two games of doubles, will begin at approximately 8pm. With the away side bringing a strong set of supporters, we would encourage people to come along and support the Barry team.

RL

W A Y N E Blatchford, from Sully has claimed a place in the Audi quattro Cup UK final golf tournament in September.

Blatchford and partner Stuart Hale (Bristol) narrowly won a regional final at the St Pierre Golf Club, Chepstow, Wales, on August 1.

They triumphed with a score of 43 points in the Stableford rules matches.

Eighteen 'pairs' of amateur golfers contested the 18-hole competition, having earned a regional final place by means of a top placing in one of almost 50 qualifying tournaments staged since April.

RESULTS

1st, Stuart Hale/Wayne Blatchford, 43pts;

2nd, Cliff Denton, from Caversham near Reading/Terry Guildford, Cheltenham, 42pts.

The top-two 'pairs' from this event (listed above), plus seven other regional final events, will contest the Audi quattro Cup UK final at Bowood Golf and Country Club near Calne, Wiltshire (Sep 5).

The top-two 'pairs' from the UK final will represent Great Britain in the Audi quattro Cup World Final staged at the Trump National Golf Club, Los Angeles (Oct 7 - 11).

The Audi quattro Cup, being staged for the 23rd year, is the world's largest amateur golf competition, with almost 80,000 players from over 50 countries competing for a place in the week-long World Final.

Son beats mum!

IN the BangorBet Handicap Chase, worth £3,899 to the winner at Bangor-on-Dee last Friday, Wester Ross, trained by Evan Williams at Llancarfan, finished five lengths ahead of Maisy Missil, which is owned and trained by Evan's mother, Mary Evans in Pembrokeshire.

The top weighted Wester Ross was ridden by Adam Wedge, a 3lb claiming jockey, and Maisy Missil, a winner of her previous start, was partnered by Paul Moloney.

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Munro Cup triumph

Llantwit Major men's bowls team had another good result in the Munro Cup on Wednesday with a 90-51 win at Murch.

Steve Booker's rink took the lead after two ends with two scores of four shots keeping them well ahead throughout the game to win by nine shots.

Richard George's rink led from the start, being 12 shots up before Murch went on the scoreboard; Llantwit were then held on the score of 18 for six ends before scoring again to notch up a 14 shot win.

Danny Ahearn's rink started slowly finding it difficult to adapt to the slow green and were six down after five ends; they pulled back to take the lead on the ninth end which they held until the final two ends, when they conceded eight shots to lose by three shots.

Graham Jones' rink were behind for six ends before going on to short jacks to counteract the heavy green. This was to Llantwit's liking scoring two ends of five and two ends of four to win the match convincingly by 19 shots.

NY
LADY BOWLERS
Firstly, an apology to

the ladies teams - last week's report said we had lost against Bridgend Municipal B.C, but in fact we did win 6 out of the 10 points available.

On Tuesday, we travelled to Cowbridge B.C for a Cowbridge Challenge Shield Match. We don't expect to win at Cowbridge as they have an artificial rink, which we are not

used to and this match was no different we lost on all rinks with no points gained.

The rinks were Kay Johns, Lyn Oatley, Margaret Morgan and Peggy Pike 10-19; Liz Crouch, Margaret Horgan, Etta Gray and Julie Molloy 8-20; Edna Hardie, Marian Lewis and Ann Mutlow 12-14.

On Thursday, we welcomed Cowbridge

B.C. to Llantwit for a league match and we won on all rinks, gaining the full 10 points.

The rinks were Edna Hardie, Pat Cook, Etta Gray and Carol Willmot 35-10; Liz Crouch, Barbara Lewis, Julie Molloy and Marian Lewis 30-8; Kay Johns, Ann Mutlow, Peggy Pike and Margaret Morgan 33-0.

KJ

SUPER SENIORS ENJOY THE SUN!

THE fourth annual super senior competition at Cottrell Park held on July 22 was won by Dai Rees with 37 points.

The competition is open to all male members of the club who are 70 years of age or older. In magnificent weather, 23 players enjoyed the Mackintosh course, which was in great condition.

Runner-up was Donald Williams with 36 points, third was Peter Owen, also with 36 points.

Aubrey Bowen had the most (seven) three and four points and Ian Cunningham won nearest the pin in two strokes on the 14th hole.

Last year's winner, Chris Stanlake, and



David Stephenson both had a two.

After the competition, the players enjoyed a convivial meal and prize presentation.

John McGlyne, who organized the competition, expressed pleasure at the number of people

who participated, and delight that the weather this year was very much better than last year's deluge!

Pictured above: Dai Rees (on left) receives the claret jug from last year's winner, Chris Stanlake. JM

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RECENTLY the Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do held their second colour belt grading of the year.

The grading took place at the Victoria Park Community Centre, and in charge of the proceedings was master Ron Thomas 8th Dan. Master Thomas was assisted by Chelsea Rees (4th degree), Bradley Halford (2nd degree), Matthew Bennett and Anita Sheppard (1st degree).

The grading saw 27 students from as

young as five years old sitting the exam, which consisted of traditional forms, set and free sparring, power tests, theory and to finish, general questions.

The grading was a success with all 27 students passing.

Two achieved top grade 'A' pass, Fae Hillberg and Lucia-Ann Cunningham. The winner of the grading shield was Fae Hillberg. Fae will now hold the shield until the next grading exam.

Successful candidates were; promoted to 9th kup orange belt: Ethan Andrus, Thea

Cunningham, Courtney James, Cameron Evans and Fae Hillberg.

Promoted to 8th kup yellow belt: Lucia-Ann Cunningham, Maddison Allen, Ruth Sullivan, Peter O'Callaghan, Kelly Quigley, Alexis Cunningham and Joanna Dancey.

Promoted to 7th green stripe: Kurtis James, Ben Phillips, Lewis Davies, Martin James, Brooke Baker, Ellie-Ann Osborne and Jessica Blackley.

Promoted to 6th kup green belt: Mason Blackley. Promoted to 5th kup blue stripe: Joel Wells, Emily Halford.

Promoted to 4th kup blue belt: Evan Baron, Cody Jacobsen and Jake Quigley.

Promoted to 1st kup black stripe: Alan Evans and Gabrielle Thorne.

RT

Millwood bowls round-up

MILLWOOD bowlers took on Murch on July 27 and were on the wrong end of a 80-62 defeat in a weather-affected game.

On the same day, the A team faced Roath Park away and suffered a 126-56 loss.

Chess club retain the league title!

BARRY Chess Club retained their Glamorgan Summer league title with a 4-0 win over Penarth at the West End Club last Monday night.

Both teams were missing junior players away on international duty, but whereas Barry were able to bring in a previous Welsh junior champion to fill the gap, Penarth could not field their first choice team as their best young player was on a date with his girlfriend!

Barry Chess Club can only offer Penarth Chess Club their sympathies for the difficult period they will have to endure until the young man discovers that girlfriends are transitory, chess is forever.

The match was marked by a return to form for Steve Cunliffe who ploughed through his opponent's defences with a brutal attack.

Captain Lee Davis won a pawn after some early manoeuvring and duly won the endgame to make the score 3-0.

Although the match was won, Barry were still not sure of the title as Cardiff could steal the trophy away with a big away win in Bridgend on the same night.

One more good result was needed and on board

three, Craig Woolcock always had the better of a tactical game before his opponent resigned when faced with ruinous loss of material.

Craig won all of his games in this competition and this final victory secured for Barry their fourth summer league title in five years.

The final internal tournament of the summer programme is the Barry Lightning Chess Tournament which takes place on August 19. In this format a buzzer sounds every 10 seconds and the players must move on the buzzer - ready or not!

Non-members are welcome to both this event and also to the more gentle 'free Monday' club nights that precede this competition.

If there are any new or prospective members of the club I suggest that they contact either myself or another club member before turning up at the club so that we can ensure you receive a warm welcome; for more details visit our website - barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

The Barry Chess Club meets each Monday at their home venue of The West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY with matches starting at 7:30pm; new players of all ages and standards are welcomed.

LD

Munro Cup an unhappy hunting ground for Cadoxton

CADOXTON had a home fixture against Romilly, in the Munro Cup, and managed success on just one rink.

Derek Brook skipped this rink against Mel Newman, who has just qualified for the Welsh Finals. The match went in favour of the home side when they built a 14-4 lead.

The next two ends brought 'four's against on each, which narrowed the difference. However, three singles were scored with one against to hold onto a home win.

Skips Gordon Davies and Tony Freeman met in a closely fought match, with just 20 shots scored in the eighteen ends. Len Davies's rink managed just 5 winning ends on their match against Graham Cogbill, whilst conceding four '4's big score.

Skips Jim Sugden and Bob Wyatt met on the final rink. A '5' and two '3's made the difference in favour of the visitors during an otherwise even game.

T Bishop, A Turner, S Clarke, D Brook 17 - 13 K Clement, C Tapscott, M Doyle, M Newman; J Ferguson, D Hammond, D Evans, G Davies 6 - 14 P Herbert, D Bannister, C Geen, A Freeman; J Stacey, K McMahon, P Swannick, L Davies 7 - 32 L Jones, T Mahoney, M

Gershenson, G Cogbill; S Clements, R Cole, G Solomon, J Sugden 10-20 D Cameron, D Noble, G Rees, R Wyatt; final score 44 - 79.

Cadoxton v Ynyscynon - ML4

Cadoxton, hoping for some points to stave off the threat of relegation, found it hard work at home against promotion seeking Ynyscynon.

A team win was never in sight although Don Kuhnell was ably supported, once again, by his rink, Jim Stacey, Karl Cowling and Ivor Robertson.

They played superb bowls and were always in command, except for a stutter when reaching 13-3, and allowed the opposition to make a mini recovery for four ends.

However, from that point onward they pulled away for two desperately needed points. Graham Brown had a bad start on his rink and trailed 13-4, before seven shots brought them within two points. A bad finish shattered this partial recovery, with two '3's a '4' and '5' against.

Howard Craven's rink also began badly with a deficit of 15-3, and never recovered. Kelvin Chedgoy's rink followed the same pattern when they trailed 19-5. This was reduced by eight shots during the next four ends, but then conceded eight on the following four.

H Hellyar, L Cundliffe, D Brook, K Chedgoy 14 - 27; D Evans, W Vaughan, P Ellis, H D Craven 11 - 28; J Stacey, K Cowling, I Robertson, D Kuhnell 29 - 12; T Bishop, A Turner, G Davies G Brown 16 - 31; final score 70 - 98.

The Beavers' mini-triathlon

THE Barry Beavers' mini-triathlon fundraising event takes place on Sunday, September 29, starting from Barry Leisure Centre at 11am.

Application forms can be obtained from the organiser Catherine Jones at 238 Barry Road, Barry, CF62 9BH, telephone 01446 741960.

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